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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS of WORLD OF RADIO 1833, July 7-13, 2016

Thu 1130	WRMI	9955 [confirmed]
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Fri 2130	WRMI	13695 [confirmed]
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Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB

Latest edition of this schedule version, including AM, FM, satellite and webcasts with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at:

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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:

Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.

<http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-audio-plattform/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor>

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper:

<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

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DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER'S LOG REPORTS:

Unedited, uncondensed, unchanged from original version, many of them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated, inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:

<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser>

NOTE: I have *resolved* to make DXLD leaner, more selective, as I seriously need to reduce my workload, much of which has been merely editing gobs of material into presentable form. This makes it even more important to be a member of the DXLD yg for additional material which may not make it into weekly issues (gh)

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When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do

not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here's where to sign up:
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** AFGHANISTAN [non]. USA(non), Frequency changes of VOA Deewa Radio in Pashto

0100-0400 NF 15205 UDO 250 kW / 304 deg to WeAs, ex 13840
1300-1700 NF 15650 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg to WeAs, ex 9335
1500-1700 NF 12150 UDO 250 kW / 311 deg to WeAs, ex 7540
1700-1900 NF 12150 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg to WeAs, ex 9335
1700-1900 NF 9335 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg to WeAs, ex 9780

Full updated schedule of VOA Deewa Radio July 2

0100-0130 on 11700 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg to WeAs
0100-0130 on 12035 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg to WeAs
0100-0130 on 15205 UDO 250 kW / 304 deg to WeAs

0130-0300 on 11700 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg to WeAs
0130-0300 on 12035 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg to WeAs
0130-0300 on 15205 UDO 250 kW / 304 deg to WeAs

0300-0400 on 11700 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg to WeAs
0300-0400 on 12035 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg to WeAs
0300-0400 on 15205 UDO 250 kW / 304 deg to WeAs

1300-1400 on 9310 UDO 250 kW / 300 deg to WeAs
1300-1400 on 12035 UDO 250 kW / 305 deg to WeAs
1300-1400 on 13590 UDO 250 kW / 300 deg to WeAs
1300-1400 on 15650 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg to WeAs

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1700-1800 on 9335 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg to WeAs

1700-1800 on 12150 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg to WeAs

Frequency changes of VOA Deewa Radio in Pashto, videos

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/frequency-changes-of-voa-deewa-radio-in.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, July 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ALASKA. I am in Galena, Alaska which is a village of 500 people. We are 300 miles west of Fairbanks, 300 miles east of Nome. The AM band is absolutely 150 percent empty here during the day as I am 250 miles from the nearest operating AM station. I will be going about 10 miles south of Galena this summer sometime for a night of camping out at an old AM radio tower. The nearest power line is 4-5 miles away and is very RF/electrically quiet out there (Paul Walker, AK, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Hi Paul: Just curious; you say the AM band is absolutely empty during the day, so 910 isn't on? Why I ask is the July edition of the NZ DX Times picked up an item from the NRC that KIYU came back in mid-May after being off for about a year. 73 (Theo Donnelly, BC, July 3, ODXA yg via DXLD)

No answer yet. Here's what July NZ DX Times said:

``ALASKA KIYU Galena returned to the air on 910 on 12 May after being silent since 15 May last year. (info from NRC)``

Coming back on 3 days before one exact year has elapsed is very suspicious, like doing it only to avoid losing license, and then off again.

Even more suspicious, am I joking? Did Paul arrange to have the AM taken off the air so his DXing possibilities would be better? He has complained about all the RFI at home in Galena on VHF right next to KIYU, the station he works for (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. KJNP, North Pole, 1170 has been granted STA with reduced power (unspecified), isolation choke for the tower lights failed, changing the base resistance of the tower.

KKNI, Wasilla on 1430 has change of format to CHR/Dance, slogan to iK-Hitz 107 FM (info from NRC via July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** ALASKA. 11870, KNLS, Anchor Point, *0800-0824, 06-07, English, religious comments and songs. Interference from WEWN with program in Spanish on the same frequency. 22321 (Manuel M endez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Reinante, Tecsun PL-880, Sangean ATS-909X, Cable antenna, 8 meters,

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. 9854.97, July 1 at 0130, R. Tirana with usual humroar overpowering any English program modulation, signal averaging S8. This time it was not on as early as 0120 or even 0125 recheck, so I feared it would be totally turned off by now, which it might as well be until repaired/replaced.

9854.973, July 2 at 0128, R. Tirana is S9 with interval signal, buried under the humbuzz like it has been for a couple weeks now. This is distressing, as we would hate for R. Tirana to become another zombie like Radio Cairo. As Wolfgang B, schel points out, this transmitter is Chinese-made, there are some Chinese operators at Shijak and more compatriots at Cîrrik, so some of them ought to get busy and fix it!

9855-, July 3 at *0118:51 R. Tirana humbuzz atop IS starts up at S6 level, same old story and laments.

9855-, July 5 at 0144 check, R. Tirana still suffering horrible problem of humroar atop some talk in presumed English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. FRANCE, Strong signal of Radio TV Algerienne via TDF on July 2

0600-0609 on 11985 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf French news bulletin

0609-0651 on 11985 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Holy Qur'an

0651-0655 on 11985 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf French news bulletin

0655-0659 on 11985 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Holy Qur'an

Full summer A-16 SW schedule of Radio TV Algerienne via TDF is here.

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/strong-signal-of-radio-tv-algerienne.html>

-- 73! Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire,

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio TV Algerienne via TDF, July 6:

0500-0509 on 9535 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf French news bulletin

0509-0551 on 9535 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf Arabic Nat. ChaÓne 1

0551-0555 on 9535 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf French news bulletin

0555-0558 on 9535 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf Arabic Nat. ChaÓne 1

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/radio-niger-delta-radio-tv-algerienne.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA [non]. 5985, BBC, Woofferton. Special transmission to the 44 BAS scientists and researchers for the traditional Antarctic Midwinter Solstice celebrations between 2130 and 2200. Generally, a good signal with some atmospheric noise and local static. Also heard the // 6035.1 kHz outlet [UAE] which was a very strong signal but with a slight low level het and a little high in freq. The third outlet of

7360 kHz [Ascension] was initially unheard at 2130 but came up to barely audible around 2140. I have made a YouTube video of the broadcast which also demonstrates some tuning techniques on the Yaesu FTDX3000 transceiver. This can be found at:

<https://youtu.be/wMaxVBbN1bA>

(Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Sangean ATS909, Tecsun PL-680, Double Bazooka antennas for 80, 40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** ANTIGUA [and non]. Caribbean Radio Lighthouse on 1160 has been heard with local identification at 0400 UT followed by a BBC News relay (Bill Whitacre via RealDX Yahoo Group via July NZ DX Times via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD) Not to be confused with Bermuda's BBC relay on the same frequency (Ed., ibid.)

** ARGENTINA. 15344, 2355, LRA Radio Nacional with actuality report from Radio Nacional Córdoba, time pips at 2400, then ñNacional Informa! news in Spanish, fair 5/6. Frequency drifted from initial 15344.03 up to 15344.09 in an hour (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWES to North, Central & South America, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

15345, RAE, 1337-1400* 29 June. Nice program of old-school tango tunes, several "RAE" mentions during DJ chat with full "Radiodifusi n Argentina al Exterior" ID at 1359, ID in French, pips and off (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA, PL380/6m X wire [v.2.0], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11710.36, July 1 at 0118, RAE with music at S9, better signal than usual (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIODIFUSI N ARGENTINA AL EXTERIOR

Chinese Days Area kHz

0400-0500 .twtf. Am 11710bue (add)

English

0200-0300 .twtf. Am 11710bue (add)

1800-1900ss Eu 15345bue (ex Spanish)

French

0300-0400 .twtf. Am 11710bue (add)

Japanese

0100-0200 .twtf. Am 11710bue (add)

Portuguese

0000-0100 mtwtf.. Am 11710bue (add)

(WRTH July 1 update via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

The broadcasts to Am had been omitted earlier. NOTE: this shows the expanded to weekends English broadcast applies only to the European

service at 18-19 on 15345. Presumably WRTH have confirmed this by monitoring altho I have seen no other reports of it (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Confirmed by Manfred Reiff on July 9

15343.907 odd fq RAE-BA - rather Radio Nacional Spanish program weekends, tiny at 2345 UT (Wolfgang B.schel, In Detroit - MI remote unit, July 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA [and non]. Radio Vesti was heard in Russian in the period from 20 to 27 June from 2300 to 0300 hours on 1395 kHz - parallel program was at a frequency of 1413 kHz from Grigoriopol [PRIDNESTROVYE]. No shows were detected in the air in the MW and LW from Krasnodar (Armavir / Tbilisskoye). Problems with transmitters at Gavar have the whole winter to 1377 kHz, at the beginning of June 1350 kHz. Apparently an unidentified station in Russian at 1820 at the frequency 1396.5 kHz June 26 th is also connected to the transmission center in Armenia (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, RusDX July 3 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 9580, Thu June 30 after 1105, R. Australia with very engrossing discussion about cosmology, dark matter, etc., by Nobel scientists, usual very good signal. Outro before 1200 as having been from the World Festival of Science, ``To Infinity and Beyond!``. More excellent programming on SW tnx to ABC and RA; may they live long and prosper.

12085, July 4 at 1321, RA is missing, but still on weak 12065 and strong 9580, during `The Daily Planet` with intriguing music announced later as from Arnhem Land, Groote Eylandt. That name has always intrigued me too, ``big island``? Looks like it might be of Dutch origin, but Google Translate insists it's English and needs no further translation.

12085, July 5 at 1306, RA reactivated here after AWOL yesterday, `The Daily Planet` introducing eclectic music hour in store, including double-bass (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ABC SIGNALS A RETURN TO INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

Radio-Australia-Banner

<http://swling.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Radio-Australia-Banner.jpeg>

Many thanks to SWLing Post contributor, Phil Brennan, who writes:

The following piece regarding Radio Australia caught my eye last week. It was authored by Hamish McDonald and appeared in the 18 June 2016

edition of the Saturday Paper.

[McDonald] reports on a variety of foreign policy matters from an Australian perspective:

iGuthrie's world view

Our mole at the ABC tells us new managing director wants to pull back from the embrace of the Chinese Communist Party's Publicity Department, as the Ministry of Propaganda is known.

In her first meeting with the board on June 9, Guthrie questioned the value of the ABC's Chinese language portal, AustraliaPlus.cn, which has been pinged by the ABC's own watchdogs for pulling awkward content to avoid displeasing the CPC.

We are told she also forcefully expressed her interest in the corporation returning to full-blooded international broadcasting, and raised the fact that Radio Australia no longer broadcasts in Mandarin, nor in Tok Pisin, the lingua franca of Papua New Guinea [WRONG: See below]. A return to international TV broadcasting two years after the Abbott government scrapped funding for the ABC's Australia Network (to please Rupert Murdoch) would not come cheap. Nor would a revival of Radio Australia, once the major arm of Australia's soft power in the region.

I also spotted a reference to this meeting of the new ABC MD in a previous issue by another columnist which seems to be outside the paywall. Click here to view.
<https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/news/politics/2016/06/11/michelle-guthrie-begins-managing-direction-the-abc/14655672003357>

CORDIALES SALUDOS / GOOD LUCK / (via JUAN FRANCO CRESPO * STAMP
JOURNALIST (AIPET) SèLVIA 8 (MAS CLARIANA) E-43800 VALLS-TARRAGONA
(ESPA-A-SPAIN-ESPAGNE-SPANIEN), WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD) Viz.:

MICHELLE GUTHRIE BEGINS MANAGING DIRECTION AT THE ABC
News Jun 11, 2016 Jim Middleton

The ABC's new managing director has taken the reins with a focus on substance and a return to international broadcasting.

The axe dropped quickly. Michelle Guthrie's first executive action at the ABC was to scrap designated parking spots for senior executives at the national broadcaster's Ultimo citadel in Sydney.

When Mark Scott departed after a decade at the helm, his victory lap concluded with a function at which the Yirrkala dancers were flown

from Arnhem Land to Sydney to fete him. The cost? Good question.

As part of her initiation, Guthrie had dinner with a number of female corporate high-flyers in Melbourne. The attendees picked up the tab ñ \$80 a pop.

Guthrie emphasises the importance of content and quality, implicitly questioning the corporationís Scott-era emphasis on chasing ratings.

Symbolic, perhaps, but as the Nine Network is discovering as it wrestles with the fallout from its ill-fated Beirut child-snatching escapade, symbolism can be as important in broadcasting as substance.

Substance is there, too, notably in transforming the ABC to address the disruptive challenges of a media world where content rather than platform is king. That is, the focus is on what is produced, not whether it is carried on radio, television or online.

There is also the question of a merger with SBS, regarded by senior ABC executives as a illive issueî. Not at the instigation of the ABC, they insist, but clearly in Malcolm Turnbullís mind, especially in light of strategic reappointments and terminations on the SBS board just before he called the election.

Guthrieís assault on executive privilege may also provide the clearest sign of her intentions as she embarks on a five-year term as the ABCís managing director.

No ibig bangî as some alarmist staff fear. Nor does it seem she is another Jonathan Shier, the managing director appointed at the beginning of the Howard years, whose reign was marked by the notorious ìNight of the White Envelopesî, when many of the ABCís senior executives were given their marching orders.

Chaos ensued, the board revolted, up to and including the chairman, Donald McDonald, John Howardís close friend. Shier left before his term was up, but it took many years to repair the damage.

To say that the 4000-plus staff were apprehensive about Guthrieís arrival after a decade of Mark Scott is an understatement. But then, ABC staff are always apprehensive; it is an enduringly neurotic institution.

Guthrie takes over at a moment where the immediate challenges are profound. There are the staff and program cuts that are inevitable in the wake of the cuts announced in the budget days after she took over.

There is also the need for speedy action to either endorse or stop

restructuring plans under way that may or may not meet her own agenda for the organisation's future.

Especially ill thought out is the reorganisation of Radio National, involving more managers at a time of budget constraint. It is still proceeding even as Guthrie finds her feet. Whether she nips it in the bud or not will be a clear sign of whether she ñ rather than her managers ñ will be in charge of the broadcaster.

Guthrie has used her early days at the ABC to press the flesh with rank-and-file members of staff at informal gatherings around the country. Those who have met her say she listened to them carefully, writing down observations in a notebook.

Everywhere she goes, Guthrie emphasises the importance of content and quality, implicitly questioning the corporation's Scott-era emphasis on chasing ratings.

A return to international broadcasting, eviscerated by the Abbott government in 2014, is clearly a priority, according to those who have met her. She is aghast that Radio Australia no longer broadcasts in Mandarin and that the ABC's Australia Plus Chinese portal has been caught censoring material that may have offended Beijing.

She remarked to one ABC worker that she was surprised how people pick up on every word I say. She noted how her early statement about the broadcaster needing more diversity in its staff had been parsed and picked apart ever since.

I hope that did not offend you, she said to the white middle-aged male.

The week before last, Guthrie had an offsite with the ABC's divisional chiefs ñ the people who run TV, radio, digital, news, HR and finance among them.

These executive gatherings outside ABC premises normally occur a couple of times a year, a chance for candour and reflection. Sometimes they have taken place at fancy hideaways. Not this time. The venue was an antiseptic meeting room at the University of Technology Sydney, the tertiary institution across the road from the ABC headquarters.

Participants deny any sign from Guthrie that she intended to fling herself headlong into shaking up the joint before she had got the measure of the place. She is no 'Good Shier', says one very senior executive.

One manager present at the offsite said she had come in with a

ireally lovely energyî, projecting a sense that she thought the ABC an exciting and enriching place to be.

iThere was no sense of her putting her foot down,î said the divisional head, adding that she signalled iher job was to support and enable rather than tell us what to doî.

By comparison with Scottîs demeanour at ioffsitesî, Guthrie had been imore organic and conversationalî in approaching the agenda, whereas iMark was quite structuredî.

Within the organisation, Scottîs 10 years is overwhelmingly regarded as a major success. Painful initiatives, notably the arrival of News 24, are regarded as having saved the ABC from a slow decline into irrelevance.

He was not without his failures and his inability to recognise the seriousness and quality of the Sky News challenge to the Australia Network contract for overseas broadcasting was one of them.

If there is any serious criticism of his tenure, though, it is that he was too wedded to platforms and a little slow to recognise that the future is all about content.

Tyler BrîlÈ, the highly successful publisher of Monocle and, formerly, Wallpaper, once told Scott that the ABC had the resources and expertise to own radio in Asia. It has not happened.

It is not the type of opportunity to be missed by Guthrie, but a return to international broadcasting at scale would not come cheap. The funding would almost certainly have to come from internal efficiencies, as did the money to set up News 24.

The agenda for her first meeting with the board apparently includes telltales that she plans to act decisively but not impetuously. Division chiefs are on notice and at least one senior executive has told the new MD she should have the team she wants. Whether others will try to dig in and cling on is another matter.

The ABC is a vast bureaucracy with a culture of managing up rather than down. There are far too many managers to tell bright sparks why they cannot do what they have in mind rather than finding a way to bring innovative ideas to fruition.

Turnbull has been careful in stating what he thinks of an ABCñSBS merger, less so his communications minister, Mitch Fifield.

Scott mooted the idea as he started his long walk out of the ABC.

Fifield denied a merger was on the agenda, but has stated that the two broadcasters should work more closely together.

Senior ABC executives were interested to observe what they describe as a muted reaction from the multicultural lobby when Scott talked of the desirability of a merger, thinking it signalled it was no longer wedded to SBS.

They also believe the infinite access afforded in these digital days renders a discrete ethnic service irrelevant.

The same higher-ups have also paid close attention to the fact that immediately before the government went into caretaker mode for the election, just one of three retiring SBS board members was reappointed, while the terms of two ABC board members will run out just days before the election without replacements being named.

How much easier to effect a merger.

Turnbull's words and actions demonstrate that he thinks the public broadcasters have fat to burn, cutting another \$20 million in funding in the May budget.

The prime minister, should he be re-elected, could argue that the efficiencies resulting from a merger could mean even more diversity and greater content leading to a net benefit for the consumers of public broadcasting.

In these lean financial times, Turnbull could make a virtue of returning the savings to consolidate revenue, at the same time arguing the promiscuity of the digital world means consumers will lose nothing and have plenty to gain.

Guthrie has spoken glowingly of her Google experience where we talked a lot about 10x, that idea of not incremental but huge ambitious leaps.

Veteran and respected ABC program makers speak with some amazement, describing the audiences for their content online as extraordinary. One producer was astonished to discover that the video of one of his programs had been downloaded 800,000 times and counting.

The argument is that this requires the entrepreneurial culture of a start-up with a bit of play money spread about rather than new layers of management that add not one byte of data.

Nevertheless, physical real estate is still a pointer, even in this

increasingly virtual media world.

Earlier this year, ABC Radio chief Michael Mason told workers in radio that within five years the corporation would be vacating the newer 13-floor tower block at Ultimo. All of radio ñ RN, Local Radio, Triple J, NewsRadio, Classic FM and the rest ñ would be hot-desking, eight desks for every 10 employees, on one floor of the original building.

Plenty of room for SBS and for whatever else the new managing director has in mind, possibly leasing it out to fund a new burst of experimentation and innovation.

One senior staff member says Guthrie iwill make her mark fairly fastî. The new managing director had her first formal meeting with the ABC board at its Brisbane headquarters on Thursday.

This article was first published in the print edition of The Saturday Paper on Jun 11, 2016 as "Managing direction".

Jim Middleton is a Sky News correspondent and vice-chancellorís fellow at Melbourne University (via DXLD)

I thought it odd that the first article above, which came from here <https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/world/north-america/2016/06/18/anti-immigrant-nostalgia-has-brexit-with-chance/14661720003381>

despite the off-topic headline (and one is allowed to read only one article free per day), had Michelle Guthrie claiming that R Australia no longer broadcasts in Tok Pisin --- not much, half an hour M-F but it still does as per these logs (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9580, R. Australia, 6/30 1000, interview program before the hour on Brexit. Straight thru to Tok Pisin service without fanfare. VG on modest RadioShack SW-2000629. (Indoor portables only this listening session due to local thunderstorm activity).

12085, R. Australia, 7/5, 1000. W with news magazine in Pidgin. Good, with +VG // on 9580. Wasn't able to detect anything on 12065 (Rick Barton, AZ, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Updated A-16 schedule of Reach Beyond Australia from June 26:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/updated-16-schedule-of-reach-beyond.html> 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN. 9745, Youth Radio, Abu Hayan, 1720, Jun 25, Arabic, ID in English iThis is Shabab Number Oneî, music, checked at several times, but only programme of Shabab (=Youth) R was here, 34433 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, DSWCI DX Window July 6 via DXLD)

Reception of Radio Bahrain, June 28:

1510-1615 on 9745*ABH 010 kW / non-dir N/ME Arabic CUSB, relay 98.4FM

* strong QRM 9750 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Japanese Radio Japan NHK

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2016/06/reception-of-radio-bahrain-june-28.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #955 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, July 5, 2016 via DXLD)

** BELARUS. Belaruskaye Radio 1, 7255 kHz, "verified" an electronic report in 66 days with post card, brochures on Radio Belarus International, sticker, Radio Minsk membership certificate but no QSL! The report was sent to: kravchenko@radio.tvr.by, radio1@tvr.by and radio_belarus@tvr.by. Unfortunately I am not able to say who was the sender of the envelope which arrived in Italy two months after it was posted in Minsk!! (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto, ITALY, June DX Fanzine via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA [and non]. 1520, 0545 UT, Radio Luz del Tiempo good & clear with Spanish ident & sung ID from choir. All alone until KOKC came up at 0550 6/6. Also logged with idents at 0428 on 13/6 when dominant past 0500 over HJLI, also 0602 on 16/6 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWes to North, Central & South America, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, R Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, heard at 0130*, Jun 26, Quechua and Spanish, ID in both languages, so confirmed: on Sat and Sun their s/off is at 0130, 25342 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, DSWCI DX Window July 6 via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6024.27, Jun 24, 0245, Red Patria Nueva, La, Paz, songs, Spanish talk, announcements, ID at 0309 and sign off at 0310 (Stig-Hartvig Nielsen, Randers, Denmark, SW Bulletin July 3 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4945, R. Cultura do Amazonas, Manaus AM. Brazilian pops programming at 1018 with a fair signal. But by 1030, the signal was becoming pretty scrappy. Parallel programming monitored from the station's website which was about 1 minute behind. 3/6 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Sangean ATS909, Tecsun PL-680, Double Bazooka antennas for 80, 40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 6120a, 0636, SRDA via S, o Paulo with distorted audio, religious message in Portuguese, poor on measured 6119.954. Seemed // to 6059.779. 29/5 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWes to North,

Central & South America, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

Quanto às interferências provocadas pelo TX de 6120 kHz, não tenho notado mais. Desligaram o TX. Os inúmeros e-mails que eu lhes enviei, valeram, surtiram efeito. Esperemos que não continue. 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira SP, 4-7-2016, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Em várias tentativas também venho percebendo que realmente 6120 kHz está fora de sintonia. Não faz mesmo sentido uma banda de ondas curtas com mais de uma mesma transmissão (idênticas). Já usamos 6060 kHz (sinal de Curitiba), além de 31 e 25 m. Estamos nos referindo a 6120, Super Rádio Deus É Amor, SP, que vários colegas sofrem com interferências desta estação por várias QRGs dos 49m. 73, (R. Grimm, ibid.)

Prezados, Terei uma estação que deveria sair do ar e deixar o espectro limpo ("Leonardo Ivo Neves da Silva", ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 4985, R. Brasil Central, Goiânia GO, 2133-2144, 23/6, programa de futebol; 35443.

6135.2, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2209-2221, 22/6, noticiário nacional A Voz do Brasil; 34443.

9630v, R. Aparecida. Sinal ausente, pelo menos, durante os períodos passíveis de serem captados.

11815, R. Brasil Central, Goiânia GO, 0913-1310, 26/6, canções, ..., texto; 34443, QRM na mesma freq., durante algum tempo; SINPO de 15441, às 1230. [QRM = Radio Japan at this hour --- gh]

11815 idem, 2114-2123, 27/6, programa de futebol; 32441, QRM adj. da ARS, em 11820 [SAUDI ARABIA]

15190.1, R. Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG, 2211-..., 25/6, relato de jogo de futebol Cruzeiro x Palmeiras; 25433.

15190.1, idem, 1215-1430, 29/6, texto, ..., programa de futebol; 25442. Good DX and 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9565.057, July 6 at 0556, off-frequency Brazuguese, so SRDA Curitiba, no overtime jamming from Cuba for a change to block it; instead, still plugging away on 9490 against the República. Super-Radio God Is Love is same Curitiba station which is off-frequency from 6060, 11765 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9644.9, Rádio Bandeirantes, São Paulo, 2037-2050, 03-07, soccer comments, live, match France-Iceland. //11925. 14321. (Mendez)

9514.9, R·dio Marumby, Curitiba, 2018-2027, 04-07, Portuguese, religious comments and songs. 14321. (MÈndez)

9664.8, Voz Mission·ria, Cambori`, 2030-2043, 04-07, Portuguese, religious comments. 24322. (MÈndez)

9724.8, R·dio RB2, Curitiba, 2024-2036, 04-07, Portuguese, religious comments, religious songs. //11934.6. 13321. (MÈndez)

11735, R·dio Transmundial, Santa MarÌa, 1945-1956, 05-07, Portuguese, religious comments. Interference from Zanzibar. 21321. (MÈndez)

11815, R·dio Brasil Central, Goi,nia, 2040-2050, 02-07, Portuguese, soccer comments. Interference from Arabia (11820). 22321. (MÈndez)

11925.1, R·dio Bandeirantes, S,,o Paulo, 2012-2035, 02-07, Portuguese, soccer, live match Alemanha vs Italy, identification: "Na R·dio Bandeirantes". 23322. (MÈndez)

11934.6, R·dio RB2, Curitiba, 2028-2037, 04-07, religious songs and comments, Portuguese. // 9724.8. 13321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Reinante, Tecsun PL-880, Sangean ATS-909X, Cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11764.647, SRDA Portuguese, S=7 at 2007 UT July 4.
11780.007, RNB Brasilia, S=7 at 2004 UT July 4.
11854.892, R·dio Aparecida, S=6 signal.
11925.229, R Bandeirantes, Port, S=7, 2000 UT.
11934.591, RB2 unstable fq, hopping 3-4 Hertz up and down, S=6-7
(Wolfgang B,schel, 25 mb log in 1930-2030 UT time slot July 4 here in southern Germany too, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11815.030, July 2 at 0111, ``Brasil Central`` ID in passing, by announcer enthusiastic about something but maybe not a silly ballgame as there are also bits of music. S5 signal now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Brasil Central, music, 11815.018 kHz tiny poor (Wolfgang B,schel, In Detroit - MI remote unit, July 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11669 & 11891, June 30 at 0421, approx. centres of extremely distorted scratchy spurs, modulation spikes matching talk from 11780, RNA, which on the fundamental itself still sounds OK, but here we go again! These spurs match plus and minus 111 kHz. First noted closer to 11895 QRMing a JBA carrier from algo. In case these are not first order spurs, I seek similar sounds closer to 11780 but do not hear any.

11881, July 1 at 0111, spurblob from 11780 RNA, approx. here tonight, 10 kHz closer to fundamental than it was last night. Match would be 11679 but totally blocked by 11670 RHC, which is dirty itself splashing out at least 11 kHz. Intermediately, I remeasure the fundamental at 11780.015, always slightly plus, but sounds OK, not giving a clue it is again messing up the band (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11734.96, R. Transmundial. Found the het here again at 1952. This indeed turned out to be R. Transmundial mixing with 11735 ZBC Zanzibar. Sounded like two sets of music at tune/in. Canned announcements at 1958 by M in Portuguese. Website announcement with mention of iTransmundial and iwww, then start of next announcement with mention of Transmundial, and off at 1959:02. Just about equal with Zanzibar. Don't ever recall hearing this sign off at this time in the past. Here is a link to a recording I made at sign off; <https://app.box.com/s/c0ec12klaasnkunv5ezpv8rh8o4n9k9b> (mention of iwww at :15 and iTransmundial at :21, then R. Transmundial goes off leaving ZBC in the clear and the bandwidth is increased. (1 July) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus receiver, Wellbrook ALA1530S loop, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Reception Report to: qsl@transmundial.com.br 73, (Rudolf Grimm, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 11925.790, July 3 at 0548, S2 signal presumably R. Bandeirantes jumped/varied up to here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURUNDI [and non]. FRANCE, Strong signal of Radio Publique Africaine via TDF, July 1:
1800-1858 15480 ISS 250 kW / 145 deg SoAf Kirundi and French Daily
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/strong-signal-of-radio-publique.html>
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The [July 1 WRTH] update includes a new clandestine station "Radio Republique Africaine" <http://www.rpa.bi> --- the server is located in Switzerland) operating from 1800 to 1900 on 15480 via ISS. I just checked the channel; reception is fair to good. Station signed off at 1857 without any identification. According to the website RRA is also audible on FM:

Lieu	Fréquences
Bujumbura et les environs	93.7 MHz
Le nord du pays (Bugesera)	89.4 MHz
L'est du pays (Birime)	92.6 MHz

Pour le reste du pays (Manga) 107.1 MHz

email: sibo82@gmail.com

Bujumbura: I suggest the FM transmitter isn't located on Burundi territory; maybe in DR Congo, near Uvira or Kiliba, north of Lake Tanganyika? Bugesera is located in Rwanda near the border to Burundi. Birime is located in the east of Burundi. Manga is located east of Bujumbura, between Isare in the north and Ijenda in the south. 73, (Manfred Reiff, Germany, July 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FRANCE, Good signal of Radio Publique Africaine via TDF on July 5 1800-1900 on 15480 ISS 250 kW / 145 deg to SoAf Kirundi/French <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/good-signal-of-radio-publique-africaine.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, July 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

**** CANADA. AM 730 CHMJ VANCOUVER TRANSMITTER DESTROYED BY FIRE**

From Northwest Broadcasters:

<http://nwbroadcasters.com/index.html>

(via Eric Floden, BC, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

CHMJ AM 730 Vancouver 07/03/16 - <http://www.am730.ca/>

The AM 730 CHMJ Vancouver transmitter has been destroyed by a large fire at Burns Bog in Delta, south of Vancouver. The fire broke out on the west side of the bog where several transmission towers for local radio stations are located.

Global News CKNW News CBC News :::

<http://globalnews.ca/news/2800888/crew-battle-fire-in-burns-bog/>

<http://www.cknw.com/2016/07/03/crews-battling-fire-in-burns-bog/>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/burns-bog-fire-in-delta-grows-to-100-hectares-1.3662928>

(via DXLD)

That's the all-traffic-all-the-time station. Nothing on homepage indicating they are NOT ``On Air Now``. How about the other stations mentioned in the same area? Not all the stories above mention CHMJ; the CKNW version does say, `` The fire has also damaged the AM 730 transmitter. The station is off air, but can still be listened to at am730.ca or through the am 730 app.`` (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

07/04/16 - With extensive damage to the AM 730 CHMJ Vancouver transmitter site at Burns Bog in Delta, the station's signal has been added to 101.1 as HD3. Additionally, AM 730 continues with an on-line feed at its website. Station engineering reports that tower one is

completely lost and other damage is to be assessed. The massive fire continues to burn with firefighters tackling it from both the north and south fronts. The large plume of smoke is visible from both sides of the border. - News1130 (via Clay Freinwald, SBE-16 Seattle, via Stephen Lockwood, Hatfield-Dawson via Ben Dawson, WA, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

I'm surprised this could happen. The site is state of the art on the right side of the freeway as you head north into Vancouver. I think they share the 1040 site [NO, incorrect]. The bog is wet. It would be like starting a fire in the Mercer Slough and burning the ATU buildings at any of the Vancouver AM sites. They don't have a dry site for Vancouver AM signals. All of them are in floodplain areas (Andrew Skotdal, via ibid.)

No, this [730] is a stand-alone site that is just on the SE side of route 17 and the town of Tidbury - it's seven km almost directly NW of the 1040/1410 site that's right on the north side of Highway 99 as you travel toward Vancouver. The news items says they've lost a tower, and since one of them is directly adjacent to the transmitter building or at least a large building of some sort, that would appear to be the location of the fire (Ben Dawson, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Members, I have seen on Facebook many posts about a wildfire in a park in Delta / Burns Bog near Vancouver. CHMJ on 730kHz is off air now. There is discussion taking place which might point to relocation of the 3 masts. The location is part of a large park which might want to claim this parched spot back rather than have it for broadcasting purposes. Much will depend on whether the guy ropes or concrete bases are damaged. The emergency measure is to operate under an STA to share with an FM station on Mount Seymour. It will be interesting to see what happens over the rest of the summer. By the way, for those who live South of the 49th Parallel and other border lines I wish you an enjoyable Independence Day celebrations. 73 and 88 (Dan Goldfarb, UK, July 4, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

some details on this thread

<http://www.radiowest.ca/forum/viewtopic.php?p=12842538#p12842538>
(via Eric Floden, IRCA via DXLD) Viz.:

AM 730 knocked off air by Burns Bog fire
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Postby kal ^ Sun Jul 03, 2016 3:41 pm

The AM730 signal has gone silent this afternoon. News1130 reports that the Burns Bog fire has damaged the transmitter for AM730 and "several other stations."

Anyone know what those other stations might be? kal

Postby radiofan ^a Sun Jul 03, 2016 4:05 pm

AM 730 is the only AM site in the area. Until about 6 years ago, the 1410 site was about a mile west. The other towers possibly affected are cell and communications towers. Those who danced were thought to be quite insane by those who couldn't hear the music.

Postby radiofan ^a Sun Jul 03, 2016 5:44 pm

A few thoughts about AM 730's return to the air --- The first is to get it on 101.1 HD-3 immediately.

How quickly could the CKNW auxiliary transmitter at the TD Tower downtown Vancouver be converted to 730? Not a huge signal, but it would cover more area than CKPM and Roundhouse combined.

If the Burns Bog site has to be rebuilt again, why not do it right and go the Bell route and build a combined 730/980 site? This would give NW the much needed signal into Vancouver for those who don't have HD radios.

The big plus would be they could sell off the NW site in Cloverdale and that money could pay for the construction of the new dual site. Those who danced were thought to be quite insane by those who couldn't hear the music.

Postby jon ^a Sun Jul 03, 2016 8:46 pm

With a day and night pattern like this, CKNW pretty much has to be East of the vast majority of its audience. While it looks pretty nasty, if the 730 towers are not damaged, I could see a new transmitter and such being up and running within a week after the fire is out.

Postby radiofan ^a Sun Jul 03, 2016 9:20 pm

If there was no damage other than smoke to the main TX building, and there is a tower that wasn't damaged (along with it's coaxial connection), AM 730 could return to the air very soon with reduced power in an omni pattern.

The TX is the former CKGY-1170 Red Deer Nautel that wasn't too old when GY flipped to FM, and the TX was shipped to Vancouver for 730 when they did the site upgrade back in 2001. Those who danced were thought to be quite insane by those who couldn't hear the music.

Postby jon ^a Sun Jul 03, 2016 9:43 pm

Transmitter fire

One of the casualties of the fire: the radio transmitter for CKNW's

sister station AM 730 Traffic.

I've been in the business for 30 some odd years, and through my entire life experience I have never come that close.

Corus Radio chief engineer Rob Brown says Delta Fire called him down to the site to manually kill the power in the building.

So basically about 15 seconds into that room, the air intake started to get the smoke and within seconds had filled the entire room.

Brown says it was so thick he had to shut the system down by feel before running outside.

First what drew my attention was the sound, the sound of like a fire in the crispy crackling sound that you would get. And then turning and seeing it almost right on top of me.

Brown says he's been told the transmitter may have been irreparably damaged.

Postby Rocky ^ Sun Jul 03, 2016 10:26 pm

Burns Bog is one of the few areas that lives up to its name every few years.

Postby Teacher ^ Sun Jul 03, 2016 10:54 pm

AM730 is now up and on the air on 101.1 FM HD3

Postby rwbrown ^ Mon Jul 04, 2016 12:24 am

Still no word on the extent of the damage. I've been downtown and have CHMJ on HD3 on 101.1. Went live at 10 pm.

I know tower 1 is a loss. The common point building is OK. Have no idea if the main building is OK. There was a wall of fire to the west side of the building when I jumped out of it at 2 pm. I still smell like camp fire. I loved that site so I'm keeping my fingers crossed they saved the main building. Rob

Postby jon ^ Mon Jul 04, 2016 8:55 am

Peat fires can be really tough to put out, and can burn underground for months. In the late 1970s, my in-laws lived just East of Edmonton on a farm. A peat fire started on a neighbour's land, eventually crossing the road and breaking out on my in-law's land. Extinguished by the Fire Department on the surface, you could see smoke coming out of holes in the ground for months.

A long period of heavy rain finally put it out completely underground. (all radiowest.ca via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

[non] At 0530, I'm hearing a mis-mash, but the dominant station is in English. CKDM ID at 0531, so that's what's dominant. Dauphin, Manitoba with 5000 watts. Dauphin's the home of the Ukrainian National Festival, which I've once attended at the end of July each summer. Pretty decent reception, besides static crashes. Pretty decent signal at 0620 from Tahiti [738]. Some splatter from 740 KCBS and CBX, though. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, July 4, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

Just in time for ocean cliff fanatics who might want to try for 729-New Caledonia in a few days, 73, (Gary DeBock, ibid.)

New Caledonia 729 was logged quite a few years back, but they never QSL'd even after several follow/ups. 666 QSL'd years before that though. I was also told [CK]NW 980 was operating from an aux site at their studios at low-power. Need to temp hook up my Eastern Beverage tomorrow. The tree is still uprooted, but hooking up the Beverage is an easy job (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, KGED QSL Manager, ibid.)

Patrick, this morning at 1448 UT, [CKNW 980] powerful S9 + 30 signal into Victoria. Sure sounds like full power. 73, (Walt, July 4, IRCA via DXLD)

CHMJ 730 TO RETURN TO AIR --- from Northwest Broadcasters:
<http://nwbroadcasters.com/index.html>

Here in Vancouver's hippy west end (Kits), it is on, but poor on my lounge-style hi-fi (1990s era JVC blaster) ef Vancouver

07/06/16 - AM 730 CHMJ Vancouver is expected to return to the air later today or early tomorrow after engineers retuned a standby antenna on the downtown TD Tower.
<http://www.pacificcentreoffice.com/en/leasing/tdbanktower/Pages/default.aspx>

Tower 4 at the main Burns Bog transmitter site was cut down around 12:20 p.m. Tuesday following a structural engineering recommendation and safety considerations. An insulator failed, plunging the tower off its base and 30 feet into the bog. The main building, common point building and tower 2 have been saved, but three tower huts were destroyed in the blaze. The wildfire that broke out Sunday morning is now 100 per cent contained (Via Eric Flodén, BC, 0031 UT July 7, DXLD)

<http://www.cknw.com/2016/07/06/am730-traffic-back-on-air-after-burns-bog-fire/>
(Via Eric Flodén, IRCA via DXLD) Merely says it is a ``backup transmitter``, no further details; and alt ways to listen (gh, DXLD)

I'm getting a carrier with faint talk on 730. Normally I would have

fully readable audio. CHMJ is obviously using much reduced power (or else it's something else altogether). (Bruce Portzer, WA, 0309 UT July 7, *ibid.*)

Very weak into Victoria (Colin Newell - CoffeeCrew.com - VA7WWV - Victoria - BC, 0429 UT, *ibid.*)

Funny, but it's pretty strong at 0554 tune-in, S9 + 10, but granted, a strong co-channel. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, *ibid.*)

Listed on NW BCers that they are running 500w at the moment (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0604 UT, *ibid.*)

400 watts from the top of the TD Tower in Vancouver (Paul Walker, AK, *ibid.*)

Interesting, that they announced just after the TOH that they weren't broadcasting on AM at the moment! Still pretty decent signal at 06:07 UT, but with presumed Dauphin, MB with C&W music strongly co-channel. 73, (Walt Salmznw, *ibid.*)

** CANADA. The anomalous coverage of CKST 1040 as in DXLD 16-26 has been going on a long time and apparently not fire-caused, not related to the 730 fire (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. [Re 16-26:] CKST-1040 Vancouver --- They are at equal strength with WHO as I type this right now at 0945 UT on my North D-KAZ. I'm hearing this from Michigan. Not bad for July :-) Oh, and there's also a curious carrier occasionally popping up on 1035 kHz right now too. 73, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, 0948 UT July 2, ABDX via DXLD)

CKST audible just north of Mason City under WHO But curiously with a low tone during WHO's fades (Todd Skaine, 15 miles north of Mason City Iowa, 0642 UT July 4, ABDX via DXLD)

Low tone could be caused by a low het from 1039.62 which is from Venezuela. (Carabobo) 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, *ibid.*)

Venezuela has always been easier to hear in Iowa than in Minnesota (Todd Skaine, *ibid.*)

** CANADA. 2749-USB, June 30 at 0443, very poor YL voice with French intonation, which per the Canadian Coast Guard website at this hour is:

`MCTS Les Escoumins / VCF - Broadcasts 04:37 Natashquan 2749J3E Radiotelephony --- Technical marine synopsis and forecasts for marine

areas: 215 to 221 and 301 to 302. Wave height forecasts for marine areas: 215, 217, 219, 220, 221, 301 and 302. Notices to Fish Harvesters (when available).` And // on La Vernière 2598J3E, unheard.

My previous log of this was as in DXLD 16-03: Jan 17 also at 0443 --- CCG is not pointing out that this place is in les Îles de la Madeleine = Magdalen Islands (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHAD. 6165, July 4 at 0553, I've almost dozed off during bandscan, stopped here for some S7 vocal music. Sounds African, and quick check of 6000, 6060 and 6100 finds it not the same music RHC English is playing, so it must be Ndjamena with RHC missing from 6165. But as I start to measure the frequency, RHC 6165.00 carrier is back on with ID but barely modulated, yet enough to block Chad, which is just a few Hz away (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

When checked 6165 channel as trace for N'djamena-TCD program this night -- four times between 16 and 19 UT, never heard some central Africa program, sorry. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, July 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Made only sporadic checks throughout the past few weeks: Never heard it after 1900 and also nothing at 1757 after CRI sign-off today. No or very irregular evening service or very irregular in general?! (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, July 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6165, re my presumed log July 4 circa 0600, Thorsten Hallmann and Wolfgang B,schel in Germany say they are still not hearing it in their evenings, very irregular? Nor could I detect it July 5 circa 0600 as RHC stayed on (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. Next to RA 17840 kHz Shepparton at 2356 UT: also 3 x China mainland jammings parked, waiting for RFA program scheduled from 0000 UT on 17560, 17730, and 17760 kHz (Wolfgang B,schel, In Detroit - MI remote unit, July 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11785, July 5 at 1333, Firedragon! jamming music against understation in Chinese, which is VOA at 09-15 alternating Thailand and Tinang sites. Normally it's CNR1 jamming instead, but familiar segments including ``ramshorn`` at 1351, drumming 1352. cursory bandscan 10-17 MHz does not find any 00B FD nor elsewhere on 25m.

11785, July 6 at 1248, CNR1 echo jamming against VOA Chinese, rather than Firedragon as employed yesterday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6060, Sichuan PBS-2, 1249, July 3. In vernacular; pop

songs; 1300 the usual ID in Chinese and English ("Nationality Channel. Sichuan, the People's Radio Station. SW 6060, 7225, FM 88.1"); glad to find they still carry the ID in English; yes, was // to weaker 7225. Thanks again to Sei-ichi Hasegawa (Japan) for his expert help with the ID. Greatly appreciated.

6200, Voice of Jinling. On July 3, at 1225, was hearing Xizang PBS (Tibet, via Lhasa) with fair reception all by itself; PBS at 1229 full ID with many "FM" references; at *1235 heard the first of the distinctive double signing on of VOJ; first came on for about 18 seconds; then off for about 40 seconds; then finally on to stay on; VOJ programming was already in progress, so assume picking up either AM or FM relay; VOJ stronger than PBS. Audio of double sign on at <https://goo.gl/RRM7m7>

(Ron Howard, Pacific Grove, CA, Etûn E1 with Par Electronics EF-SWL antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 9620, CNR2 (Beijing) 1234-1300* 28 June. Finally got up early enough to enjoy "Haiyang Live Show" with a mix of Chinese dance pop/hip-hop/ballads and lots of enthusiastic crowd reactions to the 2 DJs chatting (one with a random mention of "...don't cry for me Argentina.."), a few mentions of Haiyang & "Haiyang.. Show" & closing with 5+1 pips & Beijing TC at 1300. Thanks to Ron Howard's previous logs for the inspiration to rise up early for these guys (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA, PL380/6m X wire [v.2.0], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 9725, CRI (Hohhot) 1050-1100+ 30 June & 1 July. Closing 1st hour of Russian with CRI theme/IS, IDs in Chinese/Russian ("Govorit Radyo---Khitaya"). (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA, PL380/6m X wire [v.2.0], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CRI via 2 unsynchronized transmitters on 17650 kHz, June 30
0900-0957 on 17650 KAS 500 kW / 308 deg to WeEu English
0900-0957 on 17650 KUN 500 kW / 135 deg to AUS English
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/cri-via-2-unsynchronized-txs-on-17650.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #955 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, July 5, 2016 via DXLD)

15160.00, July 6 at 0225, pop music, ``la-la-la`` averaging S7, then YL vocal seems in Chinese; 0230 Chinese announcement mentioning ``Chung-kuo``, brief lapse into English, ``Literature of 2012, Chinese writer ---``. It's merely a CRI Chinese hour via Jinhua site (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO. 6115, July 4 at 0603, music very poor S7, so is it R. Nikkei-2 from JAPAN, or R. Congo from Brazzaville? RN2 is // on 9760, but that signal is too poor to compare. In winter it would be a toss-

up, but now at midsummer, sunset in Chiba is not until 1000 UT, and then would have to cross a path with the Midnight Sun impinging, so make it Congo, where Brazzaville's sunrise was less than an hour ago at 0507 UT. Six months from now, sunset upon Chiba will be 0739 UT, with propagation possible a sesquihour earlier into the low-solar-angle winter night (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6115 Congo not heard for several weeks before or after 1800 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, July 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR. 5066a, 1953, CONGO [sic] Radio Tele Candip, poor with occasional French announcements, highlife music. Off abruptly 2016:30 13/6. Next day closed 2016 after ID and native instrumental. Frequency measured at 5066.41 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWes to North, Central & South America, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

5066.36, R. Candip, Bunia. I just caught the last few minutes of this station before it closed down at 2006, some lovely music to end the transmission. A fair signal and nice to hear it again after over a year since it last reached Mount Evelyn, 16/6 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Sangean ATS909, Tecsun PL-680, Double Bazooka antennas for 80, 40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** CONGO DR. C"MO UNA ESTACI"N DE RADIO DE LA RDC ANIM" A LA GENTE A DEJAR LAS ARMAS E INICIAR CONVERSACIONES
Caro Rolando para IFEX 17 junio 2016

Tambi n disponible en: English Fran ais [Arabic]

En 2002, Radio Okapi se convirti  en la primera estaci n de la RDC en emitir en territorios controlados tanto por el gobierno como por los rebeldes. Catorce a os m s tarde, su director reflexiona sobre c mo el compromiso de la estaci n con la pluralidad ha contribuido a la consolidaci n de la paz y la reconciliaci n en la regi n. . .
https://www.ifex.org/democratic_republic_of_congo/2016/06/17/radio_okapi/es/
(via Jos  Miguel Romero2, dxldyg via DXLD)

I had to search out the original source which has embedded linx. So here's the English version:
https://www.ifex.org/democratic_republic_of_congo/2016/06/17/radio_okapi/
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COOK ISLANDS. 630, 0800 UT, Rarotonga. Tracked on and off for 16 hours as cruised by the southern cluster of Islands which form the Cook Islands. ID iThe time on Radio Cook Islands is 7.58 pmī. Plenty of great ukulele music to hand. 01/03/2016 (Pacific DX Loggings - Feb / March 2016, Part 2, This month we are happy to be able to bring you the final part of Rob Shepherd's odyssey aboard the Queen Mary 2, from a radio perspective, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** CUBA. 1000, Radio Artemisa, Artemisa, Artemisa. 1652 July 4, 2016. Young male and female hosting Cuban pop vocals, canned ID, into Noticiero Nacional de Radio at 1700:15. After NNdR concluded at 1730, into "Con Luz Propia" program of Cuban ballads and salsa with lots of light talk patter hosted by man and woman. This transmitter is such an amusing joke. Sitting not even in either sideband but in wide AM mode, the wobbling is so bad that it is nearly a useless listen. Can't imagine what it's like in Habana (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, ICF-7600GR, HQ-180A, rood dipole, active loop, indoor random wire, All times/dates GMT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not ``Con Voz Propia``? (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. 5980, 0800, Radio Habana with ID in Spanish, songs, 2/6 (Brian Carr, Christchurch, New Zealand, IC-R70, Kenwood R-5000, Datong, FL2, EWE antenna, 100ft long wire, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

??? 5980 is Radio Marti on the air at this hour! If you really heard an RHC ID, that would be taking jamming to a new level, or another mis-frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. UNIDENTIFIED. 9530, July 4 at 0139, JBA carrier which I often have around this time, also lite pulse jamming. A more likely explanation here than the second harmonic of Tajikistan, which Rumen Pankov often reports from Bulgaria, is 2 x 4765, Radio Progreso, CUBA. Just too weak to make out any music compared to what's on 4765 now.

Need to monitor whether the two cut off at exactly the same time circa 0400*. Which is exactly what I do July 4 starting just before 0400 --- 9530 with JBA carrier on the R75, 4765 with R. Progreso on the PL-880, each offset to different BFO pitches, and with two headphones overlapping on my head, one to each ear. And they do! Both cut off at exactly the same time, 0401:32*. So a definite ID on this.

Now we need to look for further Progreso harmonix on 14295, 19060, just like Tajikistan; while the fifth on 23825, sixth on 28590 would be far less likely on the after-dark-only schedule starting at 0030 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 6165, July 4 at 0154, RHC English is S9+20 but just barely

modulated, much softer sounding than // 6000 at S9+30 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 9790, June 30 at 0431, CRI Cantonese relay is extremely strong, S9+50, providing wideband audio including birds tweeting, yet the speech audio is distorted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. All Spanish feed line distorted? RHC, 2310 UT:
distorted 11670, 2 x 17.7 kHz wide, = 35.4 kHz signal.
11760 wide 2 x 9.1 kHz = 18.2 kHz distorted audio ? overmodulated ?
11839.998, in peaks 2 x 5.2 kHz, distorted audio
13740.008, S=9+25dB strong back signal, distorted audio. 2 x 9.2 kHz

RHC English, 11880, 2 x 10.2 = 20.4 kHz bandwidth peaks but clear audio so far, - no bad distortion (Wolfgang B, schel, In Detroit - MI remote unit, July 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17730, July 4 at 1404, RHC is S9 but dead air? No, it's just barely modulated. This one nominally runs until 1500 while 17580 is off at 1400. Very poor 16m propagation makes 17730 nonetheless the SS0B. See also CHAD

6000, July 5 at 0418 tuneby RHC English, Ed mentions they are on [anonymous] SW frequencies, also on FM 102.5 Habana, 103.1 Mayabeque, and 91.7 [sic] Isle of Pines (a.k.a. Youth). While website <http://www.radiohc.cu/interesantes/frecuencias> which is really embedded pdf, continues to claim it's on 97.1. Contadixion good enough for unelected government work? It also claims webcasting is in ``audio real``, while it's really Windows media.

6165, 6100, 6060, July 6 at 0559, three RHC English frequencies are OFF, leaving only undermodulated 6000; while 5040 is now in Spanish yelling toward a crowd, and 0601 opening the ``mañana`` broadcast as if it were already 1100! YL with frequency list in typical Soviet-style disorder: 17730, 13740, 11760, 11840, 9535, 9710, 5040, 102.5, 91.7 [sic], 103.1. I guess this was a playback from previous morning. Despite 6165 being off, no trace of Chad this time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 6050, HCJB, Pichincha, 0449-0500*, 01-07, music, German, comments, identification, anthem, identification in Spanish, time signals and close. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Reinante, Tecsun PL-880, Sangean ATS-909X, Cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) & allegedly English 0400-0430, daily?

** EGYPT. 12085, Voice of the Arabs heard at 0253 on 6/28/16, singing in Arabic, followed by presumed ID at 0258. Absolutely horrific modulation - the worst I've ever encountered - made listening

extremely difficult (Bob Brossell, Pewaukee, WI, Equipment: JRC NRD-545 (Godar DXR-1000 antenna); ICOM IC-R75 (Grove Flex antenna); Eton E1; Sony ICF SW77, NASWA Flashsheet July 3 via DXLD)

12084.97 on the NRD-545, June 30 at 0419, R. Cairo at S7 with open carrier/dead air, blessed silence; but at 0556 recheck, 12085.053 on the R-75, it's back to usual heavily distorted Arabic (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9321-9329, July 1 at 0145, humbuzz in this range, same awful sound as on 9315 from R. Cairo, so spurious from that. But no match on the low side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9895. July 3, 2016. 2028-2035, Radio Cairo, Abis, in French. Arabic music; 2031 Time pips and OM talks in French, presumably. Poor signal and modulation, with extreme distorted audio (DXer: JosÉ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX). Location: Cabedelo-PB, Brazil. RX (s): Sony ICF-SW100S. Antenna: Portable Telescopic, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. GERMANY, Frequency change of Voice of Oromo Liberation via MBR, July 6
1700-1730 NF 15420 NAU 100 kW / 139 deg EaAf Afar Oromo Wed, ex 17630
1730-1800 NF 15420 NAU 100 kW / 139 deg EaAf Amharic Wed, ex 17630
1700-1800 NF 15420 ISS 100 kW / 130 deg EaAf Amharic Sun, ex 17630
Transmissions are jammed by Ethiopia with white noise digital jamming
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/frequency-change-of-voice-of-oromo.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FIJI. 990, 1700 UT, Radio Fiji, Suva with Hindi Indian communities program. Very good level. No sign of 558 kHz. Promos in English mentioning these sports dates'í and ``now into showman morning breakfast programí.

Per 2016 WRTH, Suva 990 and 558 kHz planned late 2015, funded by a Japanese aid program for cyclone warning, tsunami alerts and other national emergency events. 02/03/2016 (Pacific DX Loggings - Feb / March 2016, Part 2, This month we are happy to be able to bring you the final part of Rob Shepherd's odyssey aboard the Queen Mary 2, from a radio perspective, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** FIJI. A UNIQUE PACIFIC RADIO STATION --- On 16 January this year during an excellent FM DX opening into the South Pacific, I heard a very unique radio station for the first time ñ FemTalk 89FM from Fiji. In the summer I usually hear Radio Nouvelle CalÉdonie PremiÈre on 89.0 during a Pacific DX opening but on this occasion a special outside broadcast in English was heard to overpower RNC on occasions and this turned out to be Femtalk 89FM. Station organiser Sharon Bhagwan Rolls quickly responded to my email report and audio file with the opening

comment iwowî as I suspect I am probably their first international listener. Thanks to her response and material on their website, I have compiled the following information on this station:

What started in 2004 as a mobile suitcase community radio with young women in-school volunteers from Fiji's St Joseph Secondary School, conducting monthly weekend broadcasts with a 100 watt transmitter, is now FemTALK 89FM, a 24 hour station with a 300 watt transmitter at Tamavua overlooking the capital city Suva and covering the most densely populated areas of Fiji along the Navua to Nausori corridor. This is the Pacific's first women-led community radio network ñ FemLINKPACIFIC.

The technical expansion to 300 watts in February 2015 was funded through a grant from the Australian Government, as part of its Pacific Women program, providing long-term support to increase gender equality in the Pacific. The grant builds on FemLINKPACIFIC's successful demonstration of the role of community media, particularly community radio, in addressing the under-representation of women and young women in decision making and political leadership at local and national level.

The Suva station runs 24 hours a day, with hosted shows happening during the day between 7 am and 7 pm most days. Apart from the Suva Community Media Centre (CMC), FemTALK89FM also broadcasts weekly from the Labasa CMC in Vanua Levu as well as maintaining a mobile suitcase radio that is taken to women in the rural areas. The Labasa transmitter is also on 89FM but with low power, providing coverage within a 10 km radius and operating between 10am and 2pm on weekdays. FemLINKPACIFIC hopes to raise funds to upgrade this operation in the future.

All programmes of FemTALK89FM are also made available on their mixcloud account

<https://www.mixcloud.com/femlinkpacific/>

Primarily, much of the work of the suitcase radio operation in rural areas has been bridging the inter-generational gap that exists ñ with young women learning the technology and older women finding their voice, often after years of being told to be silent. The expansion of the suitcase radio and all of its growth since 2008 has only been possible through years of work and dedication by teams of young women producer-broadcasters.

An audience survey of those listening to the radio on regular and substantive daily basis has determined that FemTALK 89FM may have around 4% of the overall listenership when considering the other 15 radio stations in the market (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, New Zealand, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

Distance Suva to Mangawhai is 2040 km = 1267 miles, so a normal distance for sporadic E (gh, DXLD)

** FINLAND. 11690, Scandinavian Weekend Radio, Virrat, 0450-0504, 02-07, pop music en English. 14321. Also 11690, 1938-1950, 02-07, pop music and comments in English. 13221 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Reinante, Tecsun PL-880, Sangean ATS-909X, Cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. I also have been trying to hear R. France International on 22 meter band during their English Broadcast in the late evenings here (~0600z-0700z) as Glenn had reported hearing them and I finally did hear them (but barely) on June 30th.

13725, 0602 30 JUN - RADIO FRANCE INT. (FRANCE). SINPO = 15311.
?English?, male announcer. QSB=moderate-to-rapid rate, barely discernible modulation on noisy carrier occasionally peaks mixing with the noise floor but mostly just below it. sf74.1, a4, k1, geomag: very quiet. 500kw, beamAz 170 , bearing 37 . Sangean ATS505 w/MFJ-1020C active antenna and MFJ-901B tuner used to preselect Magic Wand Antenna hanging indoors on west wall. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 8888 km from transmitter at Issoudun. Local time: 2302 73s! (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I often check for this, but usually the MUF is not up to it (gh, DXLD)

** FRANCE. 11945, NHK via Issoudun. Japanese on 19/6 at 1707ñ1757 with evergreen protest songs from Bob Dylan, Donovan, Byrds, etc., ending with San Francisco by Scott McKenzie. In France they have two faulty transmitters with non-stop sounds like frogís ikwakwaî and at 1700-1800 it may heard on 11945 and on 11955 (RTI in Russian here) (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, folded Marconi antenna), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Weak to good signal of Hamburger Lokalradio in English on July 2
0600-0630 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg CeEu CUSB Sat Switzerland In Sound
0630-0700 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg CeEu CUSB Sat World of Radio#1832:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/weak-to-good-signal-of-hamburger.html>
-- 73! Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Updated SW schedule of Deutscher Wetterdienst from July 1:
0604-0630 on 5905 PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu German CUSB, alt.6180
1204-1230 on 5905 PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu German CUSB, alt.6180
1604-1630 on 5905 PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu German CUSB, alt.6180
2004-2030 on 5905 PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu German CUSB, alt.6180

1604UT is additional, but no signal; 2004UT is inactive transmission!
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2016/07/updated-sw-schedule-of-deutscher.html>

Good signal of Deutscher Wetterdienst in German, July 5
0604-0630 on 5905 PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu CUSB, not on 6180
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/good-signal-of-deutscher-wetterdienst.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, July 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Delivery refused was put on an envelope containing my 20th request for a QSL (but) Rainer Ebeling of Radio 6150 (6070 kHz, Rohrbach) regularly sends emails with offers for new customers, but he seems not at all to be interested in reception reports, which means that all my previous registered letters with SASEs were sent in vain (Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Unscheduled broadcast of BCL News Radio via Channel 292, July 3 from 1105 on 6070 ROB 025 kW / non-dir to CeEu Italian and off at 1111 UT
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/unscheduled-broadcast-of-bcl-news-radio.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Weak signal of Europa 24 via Datteln, July 2
0700&1725 on 6150 DET 015 kW / non-dir to CeEu German
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/weak-signal-of-europa-24-via-datteln.html>

Reception of DP07 Seewetter/R. MiAmigo and R. Slovakia Int on July 2
0730-0800 9560 KLL 020 kW / non-dir CeEu German Daily DP07 Seewetter
0800-1200 9560 KLL 020 kW / non-dir CeEu German Sat/Sun Radio MiAmigo
1200-1230 9560 KLL 020 kW / non-dir CeEu German Daily DP07 Seewetter
1230-1300 9560 KLL 020 kW / non-dir CeEu French Daily R Slovakia Int
1300-1330 9560 KLL 020 kW / non-dir CeEu English Daily R Slovakia Int
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/reception-of-dp07-seewetterrmiamigo-and.html>

-- 73! Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. Radio Mi Amigo, newsletter received with news about this station:
<http://www.radiomiamigointernational.com>

"RADIO MI AMIGO NEWSLETTER Special summer news update, 1 July 2016

SPECTACULAR NEWS!

- New International Saturday line-up
- The Return of Peter van Dam!

- New and improved web stream
- Free Radio with eTodays Technology

ALL NEW INTERNATIONAL SATURDAY

This summer we are taking some major steps forward to live up to our reputation as 'Europe's fastest growing AM Radio station', bringing back that great feeling of listening to Free Radio. Starting on Saturday, July 2nd, we present a brand new International line-up of spectacular Saturday shows for our international listeners.

Most of the Saturday will now be presented in English, while starting the day off in German and Dutch. The new Saturday schedule:

6005 kHz 49m band and 9560 kHz 31m band:

8:00 - Good morning show - Cpt. Kord (German/English)
 9:00 - Manneke pop - Peter van Dam (Dutch/English)
 10:00 - Rockin' Ron's Time Machine - Ron O'Quinn (English)
 11:00 - Soundtrack of the 60's - Paul Graham (English)
 12:00 - Johnny's Offshore Radio Diary - Johnny Lewis (English)
 13:00 - All Time Soul Top 500 - Bruno Hantson (English)
 All times: Central European Time (CET). [UT +2]

Sunday's schedule remains unchanged:

6005 kHz 49m band, 7310 kHz 41 m band and 9560 kHz 31m band:

8:00 and 12:00 - Bruno's Soul Box - Bruno Hantson (English)
 9:00 and 13:00 - Hello To The World - Lion Keezer (Dutch)
 10:00 and 14:00 - Paul Newman's Radio Shack (English)
 11:00 and 15:00 - Lost and found - Jeffrey Willems (Dutch)

Radio Mi Amigo International News www.radiomiamigointernational.com

FREE RADIO IS BACK AND ALIVE!

Radio Mi Amigo International is brought to you by a dedicated group of seasoned, professional international DJ's, many of whom learned their trade on great offshore station such as 'Radio Caroline' and 'Mi Amigo', 'the Voice of Peace' and 'Swinging Radio England'.

Today's Radio Mi Amigo is not just your average 'Oldies station'. It is above all true 'Free Radio'. Our play lists are not computer generated, we never 'voice-track' and we don't just look at old charts and play their top-10 hits.

Our DJ's personally try and find those special songs that somehow bring back a memory or put a smile upon your -and our- face. Great

offshore hits; sometimes one day wonders, B-sides, forgotten hits or great album tracks --- and we even throw in some new songs if we feel like it.

All tracks and shows have one thing in common: they all sound great on AM but also on FM or online - guaranteed to take you back to 'the Golden Era of Offshore AM Radio'!

And so true Free Radio lives on, using today's technology such as modern studios, a more contemporary presentation style and great sounding internet web streams. But --- still with that original Free Radio spirit and completely free of the harsh formats and rules that often makes today's radio sound boring and impersonal.

Radio Mi Amigo can be heard daily on Shortwave and on our new web stream online:

HELLO EUROPE!

DAILY 6005 and 3985 kHz 14:00 and 19:00 hrs [CET]

MONDAYS: Brunoís Soul Box a fine selection of known and rare tracks from the great days of Northern Soul, Motown and Stax.

TUESDAYS: Former Radio Caroline and Laser 558 jock Johnny Lewis aka Stephen Bishop takes a closer look at some offshore radio hit charts.

WEDNESDAYS: Captain Kord revisits the great Offshore radio stations of the past, playing their hits, jingles + original air checks.

THURSDAYS: Lion Keezer presents the only Dutch edition of 'Hello Europe' but with the great international hits of the Radio Caroline All Time top-500.

FRIDAYS: 'The Weekend Starts Here' - Paul Graham (like Lion ex-Radio Caroline) with some 'tasteful chatter' and an even greater taste in music.

Many of our listeners are Radio enthusiasts who are into DX-ing, enjoying that warm familiar AM sound from the 'Golden Era of Offshore AM Radio'.

But as all of our programs are presented in the spirit of true Free Radio, with a unique selection of hand picked music you hear nowhere else, others prefer to listen to our shows and the music in hifi stereo via the internet.

As we cover large parts of Greater Europe and places where offshore

radio was never heard, we decided to upgrade our live web stream with better audio (192 kbps) and better non-stop programming for those hours when we are not broadcasting on Europe's airwaves.

The new improved 192 kbps web stream will be on-line 24/7 as of Friday July 1st, relaying all our presented live Shortwave-, AM- and FM shows as they are broadcast.

And with a great selection of non-stop music, jingles and promo's during off-air hours. Just click on 'listen' from any page of our website.

Since 2 months all our AM programmes are also broadcast on Radio Mi Amigo FM Stereo in Spain, Costa Blanca on 92.3 and 106 FM, so feel free to tune in if you're spending this year's holiday at the Costa Blanca!

If you're in the Baltic States, Stockholm or southern Scandinavia, our broadcasts can be heard on Medium Wave: AM 1485, on Saturday- and Sunday nights. See our website for schedules and all Shortwave, AM and FM frequencies." (via Manuel MÈndez, Spain, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Hi All, The Channel 292 schedule shows a new station on air this evening between 2000 and 2100 UT, and it is called 'Radiostar'. Other than what it says on its logo - 'Digital Terrestrial', 'Streaming' & 'Shortwave', I know nothing about it, but it's on right after the current programme from 'Radio Ohne Nahmen', so we'll soon find out. It's also listed again for the 5th of August, so looks like being a regular monthly broadcast now. Posted by: (Alan Gale, UK, Fri July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's an Italian language programme which started with the Italian national anthem; purely in Italian? I will record the programme. Radiostar seems to offer actual italo-pop music. 73, (Manfred Reiff, Germany, ibid.)

<http://www.freewaves.it/>
radiostar@freewaves.it
<http://149.202.196.92:8000/>
<http://149.202.196.92:8000/listen.pls>

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Roger: .....Grande mix di musica italiana - mille grazie per il vostro programma formidabile! C'È una pagina su Facebook?

Radio Star Int'l/ Max:  
<http://www.freewaves.it>

la pagina facebook È questa:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/129309598258/?fref=ts>

A presto! It was a mix of Italian artists of the past 40 years. All could be recognized with "MIDOMI" (roger, germany, ibid.)

\*\* GREECE. Voice of Greece on 9420 and 11645 kHz on June 28:

0600-0700 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek\*tx#3

0600-0700 on 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg to NoAf Greek\*tx#1

\*incl. nx in Serbian, Romanian, Spanish, Russian, Albanian and Arabic. Today missing Polish & Italian. Off at 0745UT.

[http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/06/voice-of-greece-on-9420-and-11645-khz\\_28.html](http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/06/voice-of-greece-on-9420-and-11645-khz_28.html)

Voice of Greece on 9420, 9935 and 11645 kHz on June 28-29:

from 1900 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek tx#3 June 28

from 1900 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek tx#1 June 28

0600-0700 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek\*tx#3 June 29

0600-0700 on 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg to NoAf Greek\*tx#1 June 29

\*news in Serbian, Spanish, Romanian, Russian, Albanian and Arabic.

Today missing again Polish and Italian services. Off air at 0704UT

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/06/greece-voice-of-greece-on-9420-9935-and.html>

Voice of Greece on 9420 and 9935 kHz on June 29:

from 1800 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek tx#3

from 1800 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek tx#1

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/voice-of-greece-on-9420-and-9935-khz-on.html>

Powerful signal Voice of Greece on a single frequency 9420 kHz, July 1

from 0600 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek tx#3 and off at 0604 UTC:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/powerful-signal-voice-of-greece-on.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #955 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, July 5, 2016

via DXLD)

And finally, the Voice of Greece from Avlis was active loud and clear

again with enjoyable Greek vocal music and great modulation on 9420

and parallel 9935 when I listened in just after 2015z on 2016-06-30

(Tobias (T≤), Germany, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Greece on 9420 kHz & 9935 kHz on July 5:

0400-0800 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek\*tx#3

0400-0800 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek\*tx#1

\* incl. nx in Serbian, Romanian, Spanish, Russian, Polish, Albanian and Arabic. Today missing Italian. Off at 0802 UT.

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/voice-of-greece-on-9420-khz-9935-khz->

on.html

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, July 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

Voice of Greece on 9420 and 9935 kHz on July 5/6:

1900-0600 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek tx#3 and off at 0601UT

1900-0600 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg WeEu Greek tx#1 off at 0559.45UT!

from 1800 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek tx#3 July 6, no signal

from 1800 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg WeEu Greek tx#1 or alt.freq.11645

[http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/voice-of-greece-on-9420-and-9935-khz-on\\_6.html](http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/voice-of-greece-on-9420-and-9935-khz-on_6.html)

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUAM. Weak to good signal of KTWB Trans World Radio Asia in English on July 1

1527-1546 on 12120 TWR 100 kW / 293 deg to SEAs Mon-Sat,

1527-1557 from July 4

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/weak-to-good-signal-of-ktwr-trans-world.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUYANA. 3289.95, Voice of Guyana 0940 to 0955 fading in with om, garbled signal 28 June ~ 0915 om, seemingly the usual Christian minister till 0920 into pop rock, yl announcement at 0935, fade out at recheck 1000. 2 July (Robert Wilkner, Pûmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, Multi-band dipole, noise reducing antenna, on the ground antenna, DXSF Mosquito Coast DX News 1981-2016, via NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* INDIA [and non]. 5050, AIR Aizawl (presumed), 1154-1236, July 6. Tuned in to find two stations equally mixing together (Beibu Bay Radio [China] & AIR); could make out was in English during the usual 1220-1225 and then again 1230-1235 with sports news; AIR with very respectable signal strength, but having problems with the BBR QRM. So even though reception was a mess, still nice to find AIR on the air (Ron Howard, Pacific Grove, CA, Etûn E1 with Par Electronics EF-SWL antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDIA. Again unscheduled English broadcast, All India Radio July 1: 0830-1135 11620\*DEL 250 kW / 334 deg to SoAs Urdu, as scheduled in A16 1135-1140 11620\*DEL 250 kW / 334 deg to SoAs English unscheduled txion \* co-channel weak 11620 XIA 500 kW / 073 deg to EaAs Eng/Jap China Radio Inter  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/again-unscheduled-english-broadcast-of.html>

Unscheduled English broadcast of All India Radio on July 6:

1135-1140 on 11620 DEL 250 kW / 334 deg to SoAs, co-ch CRI Japanese

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/unscheduled-english-broadcast-of-all.html>  
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833,  
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDIA. ALL INDIA RADIO TO BEAM NEW RADIO STATION AIMED AT  
BANGLADESH, WITH SOME CONTENT FROM THAT COUNTRY 29 June 2016

<http://www.radioandmusic.com/biz/radio/air/160629-all-india-radio-beam-new-radio-station-aimed-bangladesh>

NEW DELHI: In a unique venture, a new radio station of All India Radio is expected to beam shortly with exclusive programmes aimed at listeners in Bangladesh and the Ind-Bangla border.

The channel was expected to have been launched yesterday but President Pranab Mukherjee who was expected to be present put off his trip.

All India Radio sources said that a new date would be fixed as soon as there is a confirmation from Rashtrapati Bhavan. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will also be present.

The channel is also unique as it is a terrestrial channel, to be beamed from Chinsurah from a state-of-the-art 1,000 KW DRM high power transmitter which was capable of reaching out to listeners in the entire country (Bangladesh). Officials said AIR was talking to FM stations in Bangladesh to relay the programmes to ensure better service in hinterland Bangladesh.

AIR External Services Director Amlan Jyoti Mazumdar told [radioandmusic.com](http://radioandmusic.com) that the most unique aspect was that the new channel ñ Akashvani Maitree - would also beam programmes that are either co-productions or made by Bangladesh programmers.

He also confirmed that artistes from both sides of the border had arrived in Kolkata for the formal inauguration at Rabindra Bharati auditorium, but said the artistes would come again when a new date is fixed.

He also said that another unique aspect of this channel was that it could be streamed online on <http://airworldservice.org> and through Apps from anywhere in the world and would therefore prove popular among people who spoke Bengali anywhere in the world.

This is not the first time that an attempt has been made to reach out to audiences across the border in Bangladesh as a Bangla radio service had been launched in 1971 during the Bangladesh Liberation Movement and discontinued in 2010.

But he stressed that the uniqueness is that this channel will have co-productions and artistes from Bangladesh taking part.

AIR sources said the channel was being re-launched in view of the changed circumstances and the important place Bangladesh occupies in India's foreign policy.

Earlier, the radio service ran for 6 hours 30 minutes daily, but the new Akashvani Maitree will run 16 hours a day which will include three news bulletins, one from Bangladesh.

The content would cover issues ranging from healthcare to agriculture. A programme series profiling different premier medical institutes, super speciality treatments available here, procedures to be followed for availing these services, tentative costs, visa facilitation etc. is also proposed to be broadcast on the service.

Prasar Bharati CEO Jawhar Sircar said the service was meant specifically for the people of Bangladesh and will primarily be in Bangla and will highlight the common cultural heritage that connects India and its neighbour (via Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD) 594 & 604 kHz

\*\* INDONESIA. 7290a, 0914, RRI Nabire poor in Indonesian, pop music 2/6. Gone at 0933 recheck. Frequency varied from 7289.917 to 7289.920 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWEs to North, Central & South America, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

\*\* IRAN [and non]. 12015.010, IRIB Sirjan English, both and co-channel S=9+15dB also  
12014.995, KRE V of Korea D.P.R in German at 1947 UT (Wolfgang B\_schel, 25 mb log in 1930-2030 UT time slot July 4 here in southern Germany too, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12025.008, July 1 at 0107, open carrier/dead air averaging S9; still there at 0229 down to S7 and maybe just barely modulated. This is scheduled as VIRI in Spanish, 0020-0320, 500 kW, 300 degrees from Sirjan (the duplicate registration for Kamalabad until 0220 only having been abolished). This is the way it is all, or most of the time, as first logged June 5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* IRELAND. 6295, 2004, Reflections Europe with US & UK religious syndications, idents between. Poor 13/6 ñ scheduled UT Sundays only (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWEs to North, Central & South America, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

\*\* IRELAND NORTHERN [non]. Radio Northern Ireland via Armenia

Hi All, The Shortwave Service have just posted details on their Facebook page showing that Radio Northern Ireland will again be making a special broadcast to the east from the site at Gavar in Armenia again on Saturday:

On Saturday, 09. July from 23 UTC we realize again a consignment for radio northern Ireland on the transmitter Gavar on 17490 kHz, 100 in the direction of Asia.

Propagation permitting, this should offer listeners in Australia a chance of hearing the station this time (via Alan Gale, UK, July 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ISRAEL. In February this year, in an unprecedented move, the government of Israel awarded us a license to re-launch Voice of Hope there, broadcasting mainly in Aramaic to provide encouragement and support to displaced Christians in camps in Lebanon and Jordan, and in Arabic to reach Muslims with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There will also be a few hours of English in the evenings. The license we received awards us the clear channel of 1287 kHz with an output power of 100 kW! We have been assigned to an existing transmitter site in the Upper Galilee region. The station is now under construction, and we plan to be on the air by the end of the year. Isn't it interesting how things can turn full circle! (Ray Robinson, VP Operations, Voice of Hope via John Durham, July NZ DX Times via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

1287 used to be 100 kW at Ramle for Galei Tzahal, the IDF station which was also on SW; really exactly same transmitter revived?? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

\*\* ITALY. Time Signal Station ItalCable, July 6  
0829-0831 on 10000 CUSB, QRM RWM on 9996 kHz:  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/time-signal-station-italcable-july-6.html>  
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* JAPAN. 11965even, NHK Radio Japan Yamata, S=9+10dB at 1951 UT, excellent signals from the eastern Siberia path in past days and tonight direct from Yamata-Japan (Wolfgang B.schel, 25 mb log in 1930-2030 UT time slot July 4 here in southern Germany too, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) I.e. 11965.000 --- wb recently started this 'even' business, why? (gh)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. What I find odd is their "dirty/white noise carrier". Let me explain: it's noisy and I'm pretty sure it's self induced, on purpose. Listen to this clip from Apr 6, 2016 I posted on Soundcloud: <https://goo.gl/JFJSss>



Listen to that noise that starts about 6 seconds into this clip, disappears at about 26 seconds and then comes back at 39 seconds. It disappears at 44 seconds and comes back at about 48/49 seconds. It disappears at 52 seconds and comes back at 1 minute 1 seconds, then the interval tune starts, gets interrupted and restarts again from the beginning. To me, when the interval signal dies out and the noise goes with it, it's almost like this white/dirty noise carrier is caused by whatever they are using as a studio to transmitter link (Paul Walker, AK, ptsw yg via DXLD)

If Paul had paid any attention to our reports and DXLD he would know that this noise is obviously jamming bleeding into the broadcast transmitters from adjacent jammer transmitters (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I became interested in listening to North Korea. Back then they would identify themselves as "The Voice of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. I realize now, they just say "Voice of Korea. But I still find their broadcasts very interesting. Even though they are full of propaganda. I have spoken to them on the phone once and received quite a few correspondence from them. Pennants, QSL cards, magazines etc. Enough correspondence that I received a visit from the FBI. This was several years ago. Back in the mid 90's. Sure is sad when one simply has an interest in shortwave radio as a hobby, but it warrants a visit from " Big Brother. " :(

[later:] I got to thinking, I stand corrected. I remember the station was Radio Pyongyang. That was the official name of it back then. But they still said "The voice of the Democratic's People's Republic of Korea." I always got a chuckle at the accent when they pronounced those words so proudly. Democratic People's Republic of Korea --- lol (Danny Jimenez, ptsw yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

\*\* KOREA NORTH [non]. UZBEKISTAN, Voice of Martyrs on 7525/7505 kHz via RED Telecom, July 5:  
1530-1535 NF 7525 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg Korean, instead of 7505 A-16  
1535-1700 on 7505 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg Korean/English, as scheduled  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/uzbekistannon-voice-of-martyrs-on.html>  
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, July 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

\*\* KOREA NORTH [non]. BELGIUM(non), Living Water Ministry Broadcasting via Alyx & Yey[i], July 6 [PUG = Radio Veritas Asia, PHILIPPINES]  
1530-1630 9650 unknown probably PUG to NEAs Korean Wed plus dead air  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/living-water-ministry-broadcasting-via.html>  
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KYRGYZSTAN. 4819.90, \*0000-0010 5.7, KGZ, Birinchi R, Krasnaya Rechka. National Hymn by choir, Kyrgyz and Russian talk, song, heterodyne from Xizang 34232 ( // 4009.9 not heard because of strong CWQRM) AP-DNK (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD)

\*\* KYRGYSTAN. Transfer [i.e. transmissions] of radio station "Voice of Life" in Dari were not detected times during the period 20-29 June on 5130 at 1530 to 1730 UT, probably due to poor passing [??] - only occasionally Greek pirate sounded (harmonic 3 x 1710 kHz), and in the morning - WBCQ (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, RusDX July 3 via DXLD)

\*\* MADAGASCAR. 17640, African Pathways R. On Fri Jul 01, Henry Huffard <hhuffard@worldchristian.org> wrote:

iDear Mr. Constantinides, Thank you for your email. We are sorry you were unable to hear our African Pathways (English) broadcast while you were in South Africa. The antenna used for the 1800 UT broadcast at 17640 MHz [sic] is not currently functioning. It is scheduled to be repaired when our engineer returns in late July. The programs for African Pathways are recorded in various places, assembled in the USA and broadcast from our station in Madagascar. KNLS is our other station and it is almost exactly on the opposite side of the world from Madagascar. Our antenna for the 0400 UT broadcast at 9480 MHz [sic] is operating properly and should give you adequate reception. Best wishes for you in Cypress [sic]. With kindest regards, Henry Huffard, Sr. Producer, African Pathways Radio (Costa Constantinides, Limassol, Cyprus, DSWCI DX Window July 6 via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

The antipodes of Madagascar is in the Pacific southwest of Mexico. The antipodes of Anchor Point is south of South Africa, beyond Prince Edward Islands, closer to Antarctica. The idea that any location in the tropix could be ``almost exactly opposite`` any place in the (near) Arctic, is absurd and demonstrates gross ignorance of the most basic facts of spherical geography (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Madagascar World Voice, 9570 kHz verified an electronic report in 23 days with a F/D QSL-card. E-mail: mwvradio@gmail.com. The reply came from Nashville in USA. 18 days after I e-mailed my report I also received a friendly E-mail message from Constantine Che with attached an information document (doc file) titled: Overview World Christian Broadcasting: The iAir Force of Evangelism (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto, ITALY, June DX Fanzine via DXLD)

9480 African Pathways Radio (Mahajanga) 0452-0456\* 6 & 7 July. APR's low-key religious programming has been closing with Bobby McFerrin's "Don't Worry, Be Happy" the last few times I've heard them -- quite a

pleasant change from the imprecatory prayer nonsense heard from some US religious broadcasters (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA, PL380/6m X wire [v.2.0]), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MADAGASCAR. 15480.010, July 3 at 1952, music at S7-S9, brief announcement and off at 1959\*. It's AWR Arabic (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MALAYSIA. 9835/11665, 1249-1400+ 27 June. Both RTM FM relays off today, but heard with good signals at 1238+ (pops on Sarawak, Qur'an recitations on Wai). (Sarawak/Wai apparently OK to 1245+, recheck at 1249 & they were gone).

28 June 1227-1330+ both back on with Wai having 15 minutes of Qur'an recitations after singing jingles at 1230 (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, PL380/6m X wire [v2.0] via Bob Wilkner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* MALTA [non]. DJ Charlie Prince says that even a lot of wood had to be brought from Canada to shoot the musical film "Popeye" in Malta, he praised my very detailed report, and the scenery for the film can be seen both on the stickers and the "JOY QSL" for 7330 via Moosbrunn; Radio Joystick's 30-year anniversary program can still be heard on <<http://www.play.fm/charlie-prince/mixes/new>> (Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany, July NZ DX Times via DXLD) What's this about wood? (gh, DXLD)

GERMANY [non], Good signal of Radio Joystick via MBR on July 3 [via AUSTRIA]

1000-1100 on 7330 MOS 100 kW / 283 deg to CeEu German 1st Sun  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/good-signal-of-radio-joystick-via-mbr.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MAURITANIA. MAURIT-NIA, 783, R. Mauritanie, Nuaquechote, foi, finalmente, captada; 2243-..., 24/6, programa em árabe, sobre o Alcorão, SINPO de 54444, QRM de Espanha. Captada nos dias ss., até 28/6, sensivelmente à mesma hora, com sinal variando entre o bom e o francamente mau. Ontem 30/6, tentei o mesmo, já não na costa sudoeste, mas o único sinal de língua árabe provinha da Síria. Good DX and 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, SW coast of Portugal, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MEXICO. SEIS NUEVAS ESTACIONES DE RADIO PARA EL SUR DE CHIHUAHUA

El Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones ha publicado de manera oficial las bases para participar en las licitaciones y obtener las concesiones para operar seis estaciones de radio en el Sur de la Entidad.

Dos de las concesiones son para Frecuencia Modulada y cuatro, en Amplitud Modulada.

Con informaci n de la propia dependencia federal, se busca que sean puestas en marcha, a partir del mes de agosto del a o 2017, dos estaciones FM en Guachochi, una de ellas en el 91.1 del cuadrante y la otra en el 92.7.

As  mismo, se abre la licitaci n para abrir cuatro estaciones m s en Amplitud Modulada en el Sur del Estado.

Una de ellas se encuentra contemplada para el municipio de Guachochi en el 960 del cuadrante, dos en Parral con la frecuencias 640 y 810 y, una m s en Valle de Zaragoza en el 1060.

De manera inicial se han publicado las bases par que cualquier persona f sica o moral participe en b squeda de las concesiones para operar las referidas estaciones de radio.

Precisando que la concesi n es  nicamente la autorizaci n para transmitir y hay que realizar millonarias inversiones para la adquisici n del equipo necesario para emitir las se ales radiof nicas. (de <http://www.elmonitorparral.com> via GRA blog July 4 via DXLD)

Since this is from a local [non]-paper in Parral, may we assume similar events are happening all over the country? Surprised about new AMs vs the general push toward FM replacing AM. Guachochi is of course the home of the widely heard (at least by me) indigenous 10-kW daytimer on 870, La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara, XETAR, so is one of the FMs for them or even a replacement? Hope not the latter! (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MEXICO. 1000, XEOY, Radio Mil, M xico, DF. 1003 July 2, 2016. Excellent with two back-to-back beautiful vocals by Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea, male canned ID 1009, into male vocal. Wobbling Cuban Radio Artemisa somewhat present even nearly 90-degrees away.

1170, XERT Ke Buena, Reynosa, Tamaulipas. 0955 July 4, 2016. Excellent with Mexi-tune, male canned "Aqu  Buena, Ke Buena" and back to songs. Don't believe the IRCA Mexican List, which still states this is only daytime 1200-0600 GMT.

1500, XEDF Radio F rmula, M xico, DF. 1022 June 26, 2016. Spanish female with fast-paced news, network Mexico businesses ads, male at 1028 with, "1500 kHz, cincuenta mil watts, XEDF" and back to news (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, ICF-7600GR, HQ-180A, rood dipole, active loop, indoor random wire, All times/dates GMT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MEXICO. RAYMIE's MEXICO BEAT this week ---

One radio format change item:

Rumors are circling that XHPR-FM

<http://radionotas.com/soy-fm-101-7-cambia-de-formato/>

(the one in Veracruz Puerto, not the one in Poza Rica) will be bought and flipped to Ke Buena. The buyers seem to be Grupo Radio Digital (the Valanci family). It does seem today was the last day for some of XHPR's hosts.

While the article says that they're new to Veracruz, GRD is not:

-They own XHPP Orizaba, which carries the La Comadre format from ACIR (a rare case of ACIR not owning a station carrying its format), and in C rdoba, XHPT Exa FM and XHAG Ke Buena

-In Veracruz itself, Valanci operates a Bella M sica permit wolf, XHVER-FM 90.9.

At the same time, the GRD corporate site links to an Exa FM 101.7 "maslatinacoatza.com", portending a format flip for XHTD-FM Coatzacoalcos (indeed it's no longer on the M s Latina site). (Raymie Humbert, Ph nix AZ, June 30, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Slow and slim pickings of late; though I have been learning a lot about the Dominican Republic.

As to Mexico, I went through some old editions of the TV Factbook and came away with old callsigns I'd never seen, some callsign mysteries answered, and even a very humorous error.

The TV Factbook's listings of CPs held by R mulo O'Farrill (whose last name I've seen spelled two ways) illustrate just how damaging the conception of Telesistema Mexicano was to TV development in a competitive environment. O'Farrill owned lots of CPs.

Here are some of the lost calls:

XETC-12 Tijuana (O'Farrill). An early 1950s item says that XETC cancelled an order for its transmitter, thinking that the area was already well-served by channels 6, 8 and 10.

XEPN-2 Piedras Negras Coah. (O'Farrill). CP listed as 5 kW.

XENS-2 Nogales Son. (O'Farrill). CP listed as 5 kW. As to XHFA, I do have an item related to them; more later.

XERO-9 Reynosa (O'Farrill).

XERA-12 Reynosa (O'Farrill) listed as "under construction".

XELN-3 Nuevo Laredo (no owner listed) "under construction".

A channel 2 in Monterrey, owned by O'Farrill and to take the air "this eyar" (which would be in the early 50s).

XECZ-2 Ju·rez, targeting 1955, CP owned by O'Farrill. (Ju·rez also had XECJ-5 and XEDI-11.)

There was also a CP for channel 11 in Mexico City, for the University of Mexico (UNAM). Kind of funny that the IPN wound up with the channel.

A late 60s edition showed XHAH-8 Cûrdoba-Orizaba, ERP 1.7 kW. One of the earliest mentions of a shadow in any source.

Some start dates were noted of potential interest:

XEPM - January 1961

XHFA - February 1962

XHQ - September 1964

XHGO - October 1964

XHIA - March 1967 (listed as on C. de las Noas)

XHA - April 1967

XHKW - September 1967

XHJMA - October 1967

XHOW - June 1968

As to callsigns:

XHAN in Campeche showed up with AndrÈs GarcÌa LavÌn as the general manager. I bet ANDrÈs got the calls (the RPC shows he signed the original concession)... He could have gone for his initials, but as XHAG was being taken for Aguascalientes, he didn't. (He did when he got the concession for XHGL-FM MÈrida, the first FM in southeastern Mexico, in 1969.)

XHFA is named for Felipe Arriola G·ndara, who obtained the concession and was a dentist and one-time alternate federal deputy (!! ) in the late 40s.

There were also some interesting place names. One of the late 60s books listed "ALTOZOMON - See Paso de CortÈs" (it's Altzomoni, but they got close).

Then there was the 1988 TV Factbook, where editors missed the "Cerro" and managed to take XHCCG and XHMAS from Cerro Culiac n to Culiac n, Sinaloa. (Oops.)

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And on top of that, YouTube decided I had to see this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYkj0flVlMI>

Remember how I got all excited about finding proof of XHCG? Well, here's a look \*inside\* the building. It's practically urbex at this point: tapes strewn about, some of them destroyed, the building quite clearly having not seen maintenance in a long time (Raymie, June 30, *ibid.*)

Historical looks at local TV in Mexico are rare.

The other day, though, I came across an 18-minute Televisa Veracruz video that talks about the operations of the station in great technical detail - glamor shots of transmitters, ingest equipment, master control, the tower, etc. (Boring, if accurate.)

But that's not what caught my attention.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXX1fPzlnZE>

About a minute in is the historical content, recalling the June 1, 1983 debut of XHFM's local newscast D a con D a. There's a clip of an unidentified woman reading a text:

"...el canal regional Telever, que transmite desde la ciudad de Veracruz para los estados Tlaxcala, Puebla y Veracruz, fue lanzada al aire por el Lic. Miguel Alem n Velasco, vicepresidente ejecutivo de Televisa, y Agust n Acosta Lagunes, Gobernador de Veracruz..."

So Telever did indeed once broadcast to Tlaxcala and Puebla. That Danny Oglethorpe un-ID relay of Telever on 4 could really be Tlaxcala (Raymie, July 3, *ibid.*)

More TV Azteca stations have been given the green light for multiprogramming.

While this occurred in an IFT meeting on June 16, it's finally been revealed where Azteca's stations were: Pachuca, Morelia and Zamora.  
<http://www.ift.org.mx/comunicacion-y-medios/comunicados-ift/es/el-pleno-del-ift-autoriza-tv-azteca-la-multiprogramacion-de-canales-en-dos-entidades-del-pais>  
All three will broadcast P40 (Raymie, July 4, *ibid.*)

Two more community radio stations are coming for Michoac n.

<http://www.ift.org.mx/comunicacion-y-medios/comunicados-ift/es/el-ift-autoriza-la-primera-concesion-de-uso-social-indigena-para-prestar-servicios-de>

Expresi n Cultural Aguililla, A.C. will service the Municipality de Aguililla and communities including El Lim n, Dos Aguas, El Aguaje, Naranjo de Chila, Naranjo Viejo El Charapo, El Aguaje, La Bocanita, El Potrero, La Huerta, El Limoncito, La Pe a Colorada y Rancher as. I cannot find info on the station.

Mexicanita Sapichu, A.C. will broadcast to the localities of Cherato, Cheratillo, 18 de Marzo y Sicuicho in Los Reyes. This is an existing community station on 88.9 FM.

<https://www.facebook.com/La-Mexicanita-Sapichu-de-Sicuicho-Michoac%C3%A1n-631219896916396/>

This makes 8 legally recognized community radio stations: two previous new assignments, one converted AM, three converted FMs and today's two.

There are also four new vanilla social FMs and dozens of permit conversions (Raymie, July 5, *ibid.*)

Two more radio stories:

Radio Universidad de Oaxaca, gone to the teachers. If you haven't been keeping up with the news about striking teachers, blockades and people unhappy with educational reform, well, that's happening. And in Oaxaca, it's led one pirate to take over another. Students of the UABJO and Section 22 CNTE teachers have taken over Radio Universidad "XEUBJ-FM" 91.5 in Oaxaca; they're mixing normal programs with messages about the teachers' movement and with programs from Section 22's pirate Radio Plant n 92.1.

<http://www.radioformula.com.mx/notas.asp?Idn=607230&idFC=2016>

There haven't been specific calls for social action, unlike in 2006.

The CIRT, angry. Recent changes in the Mexican radio climate have the CIRT downright angry of late. Whether it's station spacing, new stations, or renewal fees, the CIRT and IFT are squaring off. And so CIRT is going on the offensive. With a new social media campaign "They Hear Us But They Don't Listen", CIRT is demanding full AM-FM migration of all AMs, expressing its displeasure with the IFT's recent moves, even saying that the IFT is harassing them.

La radio siempre ha cumplido con la Ley, sus obligaciones y la elevada carga tributaria que se le impone; encima hoy la Autoridad la hostiga con una licitaci n que carece de un an lisis t cnico-econ mico y ha dejado fuera a una de cada cuatro emisoras de AM que deb an migrar a FM como parte de un proceso de modernizaci n.

Al t rmino de la reuni n, [el presidente Edgar] Pereda G mez



aseguró que encabezar todos los esfuerzos jurídicos y administrativos para la defensa de los derechos de los concesionarios y manifestó: itocaremos todas las puertas en busca de diálogo, pero de no ser atendidos, nos haremos escuchar.

The IFT late today launched its own words at the CIRT.  
<http://www.ift.org.mx/sites/default/files/comunicacion-y-medios/otros-documentos/posturadeliftsobrecomunicado122016delacirt.pdf?platform=hootsuite>

It's battling the broadcasters' claims of uncertainty over the cost of concession renewals, saying the formula has been available all along  
<http://www.elfinanciero.com.mx/empresas/ift-revira-a-cirt-concesionarios-saben-cuanto-deben-pagar.html>  
and that it's been used since 2009 by the SHCP (Raymie, July 6, *ibid.*)

New station news? Well, yes! Apparently XHABC has secured a digital TV transmitter and plans to be on the air by September 1.

RF 34, power unknown (FCC lists 5 kW as an allotment).

It's unknown if XHCTH Cd. Cuauhtémoc (which broadcasts with a ridiculously low ERP) will be converted to digital. It would be on RF 33 (Raymie, July 6, *ibid.*) DTV

\*\* MONGOLIA. 1431 kHz at 1502, Choibalsan with Babcock test transmission tones & English announcements on 28/5 ñ last day of testing. Audible during quiet passage in Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue from Radio Kidnappers. Further tones noted 1559 to 1601 but co-channel Aussie caused additional QRM at this time (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWes to North, Central & South America, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

\*\* MONGOLIA. Radio Free Asia, 7460 kHz, via Ulan Bator, verified an electronic report in 10 days with a F/D QSL Card. Unfortunately it included a generic transmitter site such as "Asia" instead of "Ulan Bator". E-mail: [qsl@rfa.org](mailto:qsl@rfa.org) and [contact@rfa.org](mailto:contact@rfa.org) - (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto, ITALY, June DX Fanzine via DXLD)

\*\* MYANMAR. 7345, Thazin Radio, Pyin U Lwin. A new station for my band chart! Heard with a selection of songs and announcements. in the listed Kinkani language. Heard on 6/6 from 1050 until drowned out by CNR s/on at 1100! (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX160, Longwire), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

\*\* NETHERLANDS [non]. 9925, UT Sunday July 3, The Mighty KBC via GERMANY has a good but not really good signal, 0030 break for a sesquiminute of Kim's Radiogram allegedly presenting fireworks. Recheck

at 0100 just in time to hear it going off, so again only one hour this week (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NETHERLANDS [non], PCJ Radio specials July 17-18: see 16-26

\*\* NEW ZEALAND. New one-transmitter schedule of RNZI, as in 16-26 (WORLD OF RADIO 1833)

So one day a week they change modes? Their 'partners' don't relay on Sunday AM? I guess that sort of makes sense, but --- what an absolute admission that DRM has failed as a consumer technology! (Ken Zichi <<PGP public key available on request>>, iWhat was that? I'm sorry, you can't expect me to pay attention in a world where bacon exists!î dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

League President Bryan Clark comments: Given the fact that RNZI parent Radio New Zealand has had its funding frozen at 2008 levels by our present government (effectively a 9% reduction in funding), it is likely that economics are a key factor in this decision. The above schedule shows that DRM transmissions are mainly on weekday mornings in the target islands, and we can only hope that this will remain the situation so that individual listeners on isolated Pacific Islands and ships at sea, as well as expatriates and SWL enthusiast further afield can continue to experience 'The Voice of New Zealand'.

The Chief Editor [Stu Forsyth] comments: As an ex-pat living abroad [Malaysia], I quite often listen to RNZI in the late afternoon or in the evenings. The 9700 broadcast to PNG comes in pretty well and earlier in the day I can sometimes hear the 11725 broadcast, although not terribly well. I sincerely hope that I will continue to be able to hear these broadcasts as they offer a bit of a lifeline to home. Yes, I could listen on my computer, but it isn't half as much fun! (July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

\*\* NEW ZEALAND. DAB BROADCASTING [sic, redundant] is now a reality in a number of European countries as well as China and Australia, and is seen as an eventual successor to analogue broadcasting on medium wave and FM frequencies. In NZ, Kordia has been operating a DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting) test service in Auckland and Wellington since October 2006 with two transmitters delivering a mix of DAB and DAB+ services, including eight audio channels.

STEVEN GREENYER recently passed on a recent submission by NZART to a request from the Radio Spectrum Management Policy and Planning Section at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment for input to a consultation document on future use of the 174 to 230 megaHertz frequency band. The document includes the proposed allocation of 14

MHz (181 to 195 MHz) for DAB broadcasting, in the form of eight 1.536 MHz frequency blocks ñ each of which would be capable of carrying between 12 and 20 simultaneous programme streams. A total of 21 submissions were received by MBIE and 20 of these can be viewed at <http://www.rsm.govt.nz/projects-auctions/current-projects/options-for-174-230-mhz>

In their submission RADIO NEW ZEALAND said they believe that some spectrum should be allocated so that the trials of DAB can continue and so that it can remain as a potential transmission system in NZ for the future. DAB is in use in the 2 countries we currently identify most with, the UK and Australia, as well as some Asian countries.

If NZ is to move away from AM and FM radio transmission then DAB is the only likely alternative to internet/mobile network based options. However, as in Australia, it is only likely to become a financially sustainable system in our very largest cities and then possibly only in Auckland where the combination of a large population and many different ethnic communities could sustain it.î

However the RADIO BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION (RBA) representing NZ Commercial Radio has a far more optimistic and comprehensive submission arguing that VHF Band III spectrum should absolutely be reserved for the use of DAB+. Given the superior efficiency of DAB+, no consideration whatsoever should be made to allowing the legacy and outdated DAB standard to be used in NZ. Reserving Band III for DAB+ is essential as:

- î Digital radio broadcasting using DAB+ will provide a stable free-to-air national platform from which to transition from analogue.
- î The evolution of DAB+ receivers is still taking place, with the capability now appearing in smartphones.
- î AM/FM tenure expires in 2031 and at least 5 years is required to plan the implementation.

The ease of and cost of radio receiver uptake is possibly one of the most critical success factors for digital radio. The simplicity of downloading an app to a mobile phone to buy or stream audio, or listen to a radio station has become an unquestionably low barrier. But the evolution of how easy and how cheap it is to own a DAB+ receiver is far from complete.

Only weeks ago we observed the launch in Australia of the first embedded DAB+ reception capability in a smartphone that can receive high quality DAB+ transmissions with no dependence on cellular data availability and so free of streaming cost and quality limitations.î

The RBA submission concludes that at least 28 MHz, not 14 MHz should be allocated for DAB+ in NZ to maximise the opportunity for success

rather than artificially constrain it.

So, it looks like another 15 years at least before there's any likelihood of our medium wave band being freed up to the advantage of DXers! (JULY NZ DX Times via DXLD)

\*\* NIGERIA. Nothing noted this morning on Radio Kaduna channel like odd 6089.857 kHz, last heard here during April 2016. Only Caribbean Beacon Anguilla on 6090.001 kHz and ZYE956 Radio Bandeirantes on odd 6089.963 kHz heard at this channel, at 0623 UT on July 2.

7254.938, odd frequency service from Voice of Nigeria Ikorodu site at 0625 UT on July 2nd, S=8 or -78dBm signal here in Europe, endless boring talk by male announcer. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B. Schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? How can you be sure it's boring unless you understand Hausa?? Hi (gh)

\*\* NIGERIA [non]. Radio Niger Delta, Voice Of Peace begins transmission from New York this Friday morning July 1 on shortwave 31 and 25 mb as follows:  
0500-0555 9515 probably via TDF/ISS to WeAf English, strong on July 1  
1900-1955 11985 probably via TDF/ISS to WeAf please check today July 1  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/radio-niger-delta-voice-of-peace-begins.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, Web: <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/> dxldyg via DXLD)

Radio Niger Delta Voice Of Peace, evening transmission on July 1:  
1900-1955 on 11985 probably via TDF/ISS to WeAf English very good signal, videos  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/radio-niger-delta-voice-of-peace-begins.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Niger Delta Voice Of Peace begins transmissions from New York this Friday morning July 1 on shortwave 31 and 25 mb as follows:  
0500-0600 9515 ISS 250 kW / 170 deg to WeAf English, strong on July 1  
1900-2000 11985 ISS 250 kW / 170 deg to WeAf English, strong on July 1  
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgariya, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Very tough copy but definitely there at 1903z OM talking - maybe an S5 at best - signal slowly getting stronger by 1909z music now. OM continual talk thru 1928z. Much better by 1945z with music. OM & YL with IDs and schedule/frequencies in English - multiple mentions of Niger. Off after two songs at 1958z. Very nice (Rich near Chicago Ray,

July 1, Ten-Tec RX340 and Wellbrook 330s, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Absolutely zilch on the WCNA at 1930 1 July. Well heard on a remote Perseus SDR in Spain, though. 73, (Walt Salminiw, BC, ibid.)

Started a little late, just after 1900 UT. English talk and African music. Lots of IDs. Fair signal here inside the house in N.B. with the Tecsun PL-880. Much better reception outdoors. Also just a fair signal using the U. Twente receiver with splash from a very strong signal from Radio Romania International in Romanian on 11975 kHz.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/radionigerdelta/>

-- (Richard Langley, NB, ibid.)

11985, July 1 at 1900 on PL-880 portable, JBA carrier; hoping for more at 1928 on the NRD-545 & ALA-330 but still a JBA carrier. Scheduled this hour is a new clandestine (or is it just targeter?), Radio Niger Delta, Voice of Peace, which Ivo Ivanov says is probably via Issoudun, FRANCE, starting today in English at 1900-1955. We should have a better shot at their morning broadcast 0500-0555 on 9515. David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, found this info about it for the DXLD yg: <http://www.igberetvnews.com/34262>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

"In the battle for hearts and minds in the Niger Delta, some Niger Delta agitators in Diaspora have established Radio Niger Delta Voice Of Peace in New York.

The radio which started transmission this (Friday) morning on 9515 KHZ 31 meter band from 6am-7am Nigerian time [0500-0600 UT] was received with clear signals in Lagos, Port Harcourt, Brass, Warri, Yenagoa, Sokoto, Niamey and Abidjan.

It started with Rex Lawson's music with a male announcer calling the station ID as Radio Niger Delta Voice Of Peace. The one hour programme featured music, interview with Prince Collins Eselema from Bayelsa.

The radio broadcast will include night transmission from 8pm-9pm on 11985 KHZ 25 meter band. [1900-2000 UT]

The broadcast declared total support for dialogue and extends its hand of fellowship to President Muhammadu Buhari. It also expressed its appreciation and readiness to continue working with National Security Adviser General Babagana Monguno." (via David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

The "background" offered by this clickbaiting trash TV station may well be plain disinformation. It does not appear to use any research,

beyond reproducing the announcement posted at  
<https://www.facebook.com/radionigerdelta>

This Facebook profile is active already for almost a year. It first pretended to support secessionist efforts (not the Igbo-Biafra ones but a separate "Republic Niger Delta"). Now this: "The broadcast declared total support for dialogue and extends its hand of fellowship to President Muhammadu Buhari. It also expressed its appreciation and readiness to continue working with National Security Adviser General Babagana Monguno."

It is apparently not just this armchair observer who suspects a black clandestine operation from the Nigerian government:

<http://www.nairaland.com/3200915/radio-niger-delta-voice-peace>  
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9515, R. Niger Delta/Voice of Peace (Issoudun) \*0458-0510+ 2 July. Thanks to Ivo's info on HCDX site, R. Niger Delta heard with a generally poor signal on the 2nd day of broadcasting. Opening with local song, "You are listening to Radio Niger Delta/Voice of Peace, broadcasting from Lagos, 9515 kiloHertz.." followed by web/phone contact info, recorded speech to 0508, quick ID, another song, ID, & recorded speech (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA, PL380/6m X wire [v.2.0], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9515, July 2 at 0459, JBA carrier, but \*0500 S9-S6 signal choppy with deep fading, SINPO 35423, African music and sign-on in English as ``You are listening to Radio Niger Delta, the Voice of Peace, broadcasting from New York on 9515 ---`` with contact info: [nigerdeltaradio@yahoo.com](mailto:nigerdeltaradio@yahoo.com), <http://www.nigerdeltaradiovop.com> [sic; see below] and also how to text them. ``News, views and comment on development of the Niger Delta``. Also gives two phone numbers. Says an interview will be coming up, but next from 0503 it's an emphatic speaker but poor quality audio off Skype or something, unreadable. 0533 recheck, YL with contact info again, some music and back to speech; some more hiliife music until 0540 final check, S7 to S4.

DXLD yg members have been reporting and opining about this [as above, below]. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FRANCE, 9515, even frequency, Station Radio Niger Delta, Voice of Peace via TDF Issoudun towards West Africa target. Scheduled 0500-0555 UT? Same equal signal strength in southern Europe noted on various remote SDR posts, like RTA Algeria Arabic service relay via TDF Issoudun on next door 9535 kHz.

S=9+35dB or -40dBm strength, at 0515 UT on July 2. Phone-in program by

male presenter in English language, some hall-echoing sounded transmission. Talk with female on phone line about Oil country, economic corruption, Buka Haram muslim sect.

At 0522 UT some short piece of West African music played, presented by female host V of Peace announcement mentioned, I guess 'from New York'?

Transmission ended at sudden transmitter off at 0558:05 UT, midst on West African music play.

At 0550 UT female presenter gave two telephone numbers, and also an e-mail address like Radio Niger Delta -at- yahoo.com Schedule like Nigerian time 6-7 am on 9515 and 8-9 pm on 11985 (UT +1 hr) 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It appears that the evening broadcast might simply be a repeat of the morning broadcast. At least that is what it seems to be on the first day of broadcasts. The introductory message says "Good morning, Nigeria" and the morning frequency of 9515 kHz is mentioned. Later in the broadcast, they mention they will be on the air again n the evening on 11985 kHz.

The website address mentioned in the broadcast (www.nigerdeltaradiovop.com) is incorrect. The actual URL is <http://www.radionigerdeltavop.com>

The name of the stations is written on the website as both "Radio Niger Delta Voice of Peace" (more frequently) and "Radio Niger Delta ó Voice of Peace" (i.e., with a dash; just in the site banner).

The station is clearly pro-federalist ("Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria").

Attached is the first couple of minutes of the start of the 11985 kHz broadcast I made with my automated scripts accessing the U. Twente SDR receiver. 1 of 1 File(s) [accessible on the DXLD yg] RadioNigerDelta\_2016-07-01\_11985\_clip.mp3 (Richard Langley, NB, July 2, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Now listening to it on 11985 since 1900 UT (local time 3PM). Weak but not bad here in northern NJ. Perseus + MFJ1899T whip (SakaÉ Obara, AB5MF, NJ, USA, July 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Desde la Ciudad de Buenos Aires fue reportada con muy buena se0al y con algo de desvanecimiento sobre las 1945 UT en la frecuencia de 11985 khz con identificaciones y m'sica tribal.

Radio Delta del Niger declaró su apoyo al presidente nigeriano Muhammadu Buhari y también expresó su reconocimiento y su disposición a seguir trabajando con el asesor de Seguridad Nacional General Babagana Monguno. Muhammadu Buhari es el séptimo presidente de Nigeria y el primero del régimen militar que siguió a la Segunda República de ese país. Ocupó el cargo desde el 31 de diciembre de 1983, año en que se produjo el golpe de Estado, hasta el 27 de agosto de 1985, cuando, mediante otro golpe, fue sucedido por Ibrahim Babangida. Tras su gobierno, fue candidato presidencial en 2003, 2007 y 2011, saliendo derrotado en las tres oportunidades. En las elecciones celebradas el 28 de marzo de 2015 obtiene mayoría absoluta al conseguir el 53,23% de los votos y se convierte así en el nuevo presidente del país, sucediendo a Goodluck Jonathan, tomando posesión el 29 de mayo de 2015 (SOURCE? via GRA blog July 3 via DXLD)

9515, July 3 at 0511 & 0540 chex, NO signal from Radio Niger Delta, so was it a flash in the pan or just takes Sundays off? 9535 Algeria via same site FRANCE is S7-S9 as usual with Qur'an. Please check Sunday at 19-20 whether the 11985 broadcast is also missing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nothing on 11985 kHz at 1900-1911 UT. But Issoudun RFI French 11995, and RTA Algiers via ISS 12060 kHz, both S=9+15dB sidelobe in Europe. 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B.schel, July 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No signal on 11985 kHz at 1924 UT when checked using the Twente receiver. Not even a trace of a carrier. ñ (Richard Langley, dxldyg via DXLD)

No signal here today 7/3 at 1900z + though was a decent to good copy this past Fri 7/1 at 1900z slot - particularly by 1930z or so (Rich, Near Chicago, Ray, Drake R8 and Wellbrook 330s, ibid.)

9515, Monday July 4 at 0520, hilife music at S9+10 fading to S6, so Radio Niger Delta, via FRANCE, is back after taking Sunday off. (Others checked the 19-20 July 3 broadcast on 11985 and it was also AWOL.) 9515 signal is again equivalent to Algeria via France on 9535 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Back on at 1900z today 7/4 - copy not as good as 7/1 (Rich, Near Chicago, Ray, Watkins Johnson HF 1000 and Wellbrook 330s, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11985even, Yes, heard similar program like Fri/Sat last week, as <www.radionigerdeltavop.com> and <radionigerdelta -at- yahoo.com>



From TDF Issoudun S=9+10dB at 1930 UT on July 4. Similar signal strength TDF Issoudun 11995 kHz even RFI French to Africa too, also S=9+15dB of RTA Algiers on 12060 kHz even via TDF ISS (Wolfgang B, schel, July 4, ibid.)

Hi! Heard at 0545 UT on 9515 in English, Radio Niger Delta. Lots of idents by male. Gives out contact information, speaks slowly calling itself Radio Niger Delta Voice of Peace. Very good reception. Sounds US-funded (Jon Collins (Birmingham). UK, July 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FRANCE, Test transmission of Radio Niger Delta Voice of Peace via TDF, July 5:

1900-2000 on 11985 ISS 250 kW / 170 deg to WeAf English only announcements and music

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/reception-of-radio-niger-delta-voice-of.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, July 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

Test transmission of Radio Niger Delta Voice of Peace via TDF, July 6 1900-2000 on 11980 ISS 250 kW / 170 deg to WeAf English, instead of 11985 on July 5. Videos will be uploaded later today

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/test-transmission-of-rniger-delta-voice.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9515, R. Niger Delta/Voice of Peace (Issoudun) \*0459-0503+ 6 & 7 July. Poor but mostly readable signal with local tune/opening announcement / IDs / website info (and "...broadcasting from New York on 9-5-1-5 kiloHertz.." which I heard on 2 July as "broadcasting from Lagos...", just a slight "ear-or", of which I'm suitably embarrassed).

But still intrigued by R. Niger Delta's operation -- if they stay on during the fall/winter, perhaps the fading will lessen a bit & I can enjoy the programming & not just collect IDs/phone #s which is pretty much all that has sneaked/snuck through so far (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA PL380/6m X wire [v.2.0]), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NORTH AMERICA. 6925.00-USB, July 2 at 0133, the only pirate signal audible is S7-S5 vs storm noise level at least as loud, with Jo,,o Felipe {de} Sousa march music for the Fourth Weekend, but over at 0134 and announcement ``this is --- --- station``, only once, can't read it, and off? A minute later CW VVV marker possibly from same station but can't read it either as disrupted by ute blaaap bursts, and only sent once, nothing further past 0138. Well, HF Underground will have the answer --- NOT, but a couple other logs of it from Warwick to Denver, as unID:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,28886.0.html>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More logs of the ``Sousa Station`` on July 3:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,28904.0.html>

(GH, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

\*\* NORTH AMERICA. 6930.00-USB, July 3 at 0022, rap music, S6 vs the S9 storm noise level. These logs say it was WJD Radio Indiana:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,28895.0.html>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NORTH AMERICA. 7610-AM, July 3 at 0044 I find a pirate here discussing times which don't match current: 8:21 ET, 7:21 CT, etc., as monolog continues. Very poor S3 vs Kansas storm noise level of S5.

0048 brief music maybe a jingle, mostly music after 0050.

0058 recheck is off, then much stronger carrier cuts on and off and on, same or different station? Now S9, 0101 starts talking with background noise, unreadable, then something about television from South America, blond blue-eyed beautiful Aryans; 0102 past 0117 nothing but music, classic rock segues. Wish he had put some IDs in there. By 0120 peaking at S9+20, and I refine frequency to 7609.97 --- then I have to quit and do some mowing before it gets dark even tho it's above 27 degrees.

7610, recheck at 0243 July 3, it's still on. Talking about gospel huxters, inviting Brother Scare to pay him to broadcast his stuff; S9+10, more rock music. At 0300, announcement of thanks and shoutout to Kentucky; correct time as 0300 hours UT, refers to X-FM on 6885 (which I have also been hearing; separate log), band improving, and 7610 op has been listening to 6885 which he says has SSB QRM from 6881, but clear if tuned on USB. Fourth of July wishes; tech details on his AM carrier: 15 amps at 240 volts. I still can't understand an ID he seemingly gives before closedown at 0302\*

MANY others have been logging this in HF Underground as MAC Shortwave:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,28899.0.html>

However, the closing ID is reported as Red Beacon Radio!

7610.01-AM, July 4 at 0131, soft music, S6 vs S9 Kansas storm noise level; still at 0200. Also UNIDENTIFIED to many in this thread, described as atmospheric music, like on Hearts of Space.

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,28914.0.html>

Cf last night when 7610 bore MAC Shortwave/Red Beacon Radio (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NORTH AMERICA. 6950.00-USB, July 3 at 0112, big band music, soon Wolverine Radio ID, S9+25. Off at 0244 check (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX

## LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NORTH AMERICA. 6884.973-AM, July 3 at 0246 talk about July 4, great country of ours; 0248 ID ``XFM shortwave, glorious C-QUAM AM stereo``, greeting Tim Rahto; address xfmshortwave@gmail.com, phone number clearly copied is 408 800 6925. 408 AC is east of San Francisco CA, so it could be a forwarder. Another slogan: ``music to the power of X``. (7610 station was also listening and signed off at 0302 recommending we retune to XFM) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What was nice about this, is that I was listening in with an old Panasonic RF-2200. No SDR, SAL loop, or DSP, just the whip antenna and a couple of tiki torches out on the patio. Talk about an enjoyable way to spend your Saturday evening! (Tim Rahto, IA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NORTH AMERICA. 6960.00-USB, July 4 at 2353, unID S5 signal with song about rock & roll. Also unID in only two other logs here: <http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,28928.0.html> (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NORTH AMERICA. Free radio logs, July 1-4, 2016

The following logs are from our mini-vacation at the Lost River State Park, Mathias, West Virginia, using an Icom IC-R-75 and Tecsun PL-600 with 100 foot long wire at about 40 feet.

Friday, July 1, 2016, 2338, 6875 am. Radio Azteca, Bram Stoker with "You might be a DXer" bit. 2341, Monty Python theme, 2343, interview with Scarfman "why are you always writing down those serial numbers?" Fair signal, good AM sound, s5/s7 variable on the PL-600. (Will-WV)

Saturday, July 2, 2016, 0106, 6950 am. Non-stop sixties rock music, Beatles, Rolling Stones, Moody Blues, etc. Radio Illuminati ID at 0115. s9 steady signal, very good sound. Signal slowly deteriorated, down to s5 by 0128. (Will-WV)

Saturday, July 2, 2016, 2120, 6925 am. Radio Azteca, Bram Stoker with "top reasons people listen to Radio Azteca." Bram's first theorem of pirate numerology. 2122, "this is Radio Azteca, more fun to listen to than a ham constest." s20+, very solid signal and sound on the R-75. (Will-WV)

Saturday, July 2, 2016, 0035, 6770 am. The Jack Benny Show, guest Phil Silvers. Good signal, s3/s5 steady. (Will-WV)

Sunday, July 3, 2016, 0037, 6925 am. Radio Azteca, good signal, s5, sounds like another station is here underneath, possibly on the

sideband. (Will-WV)

Sunday, July 3, 2016, 0039, 6950 am. Music by The Who, "I can see for miles," Clapton "Hello Old Friend," Neil Young "Heart of Gold." Radio Illuminati ID at 0050 with email contact radio illuminati 6150 at gmail or Radio Illuminati on facebook. Very good signal and excellent sound, s5/s7 on the PL-600. (Will-WV)

Monday, July 4, 2016, 0218, 6924.72 usb. (Skippy Radio per HFU posts) Guitar blues music, fine signal, s7 peaks, crispy audio. CW at 0222 and off. (Will-WV)

Monday, July 4, 2016, 0242, 6925.3 usb. (Skippy Radio per HFU posts) Bluesy music, into a spacey track "take a deep breath, relax" and into more bluesy rock music at 0256. Faded away by 0302. s5 peaks early on, on the R-75. (Will-WV) Regards, (Larry Will, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Gents: Finally heard some stuff over the 4th weekend. At least one night had decent propagation!

PIRATE-NA. Radio Illuminati, 6950 AM, 0000-0033+, 07-03-16, SI0: 343. Rock tunes by The Rolling Stones, Faces, Jefferson Airplane. Signal building in strength. E QSL received the next day! [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. WJD-Radio Indiana, 6930 USB, 0005-0027, 07-03-16, SI0: 232. Music by Russian rap artist, several songs by the same group. Instrumental theme From The Pink Panther on piano 0027, quick ID by YL announcer. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. Wolverine Radio, 6950 USB, 0113-0133+, 07-03-16, SI0: 454. Songs about flowers. Tunes by Arnett Cobb, Ella Fitzgerald,, Rolling Stones, Grateful Dead. etc. Usual terse iWolverine Radio ID by male. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. X-FM, 6885 AM, 0348-0405+, 07-03-16, SI0: 222. Music and talk, just underneath the noise floor. Caught an ID and mention of the hfunderground. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. Renegade Radio, 6925 USB, 0242-0246\*, 7-5-16, SI0: 343. Springsteen's iBorn In The USA, iSuicide Is Painless a.k.a. the Theme From MASH, then ID and off. Nice audio for SSB. [Lobdell-MA] (Chris Lobdell, Tewksbury, MA USA, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-535, Antenna: G5RV dipole, July 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PERU. 4747.6, Jun 26 0030, Radio Huanta 2000, Andean music, no announcements, sign off at 0040 (Stig-Hartvig Nielsen, Randers, Denmark, SW Bulletin July 3 via DXLD)

\*\* PERU. 4824.49, Per', La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, 1120 to 1130 very weak in Spanish, seems irregular for last few days, 1 July. cf Pedro F. Arrun-tegui logs El Chasqui DX June 2016 (Robert Wilkner, Pûmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, Multi-band dipole, noise reducing antenna, on the ground antenna, DXSF Mosquito Coast DX News 1981-2016, via NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* PERU. 5025a, 1125, Radio Quillabamba on measured 5024.93, vgd strength on sunrise enhancement over declining Cuba 5025. Refs to Quillabamba, futbol 27/6. When freq checked at 1100 Cuba was the dominant station (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWes to North, Central & South America, July NZ DX Times via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

\*\* PERU. 5980, July 1 at 0103, JBA carrier from Radio Chaski until cutoff at 0103:25.5\*, which is 12 seconds later than last catch two nights before, June 29 until 0103:13.5\*

5980, July 3 at 0103, JBA carrier from R. Chaski, Urubamba until autocutoff at 0103:39\* which is 13.5 seconds later than last check two nights ago, July 1 at 0103:25.5\*, so averaging 6.75 seconds later per (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PITCAIRN. On 27 February 2016, Queen Mary 2 cruised by Pitcairn Island, Adamstown, population 67 (UK) with land in sight. However, no reception of Pitcairn Island Radio on 87.5 MHz, 250 Watts was noted. 2016 WRTH lists the station as inactive (Pacific DX Loggings - Feb / March 2016, Part 2, This month we are happy to be able to bring you the final part of Rob Shepherd's odyssey aboard the Queen Mary 2, from a radio perspective, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

So near and yet so far! (gh)

\*\* POLAND. POLAND'S CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT PUTS CURBS ON STATE TV NEWS --- By ALISON SMALE and JOANNA BERENDT July 3, 2016

WARSAW, Poland -- The ax fell for Piotr Maslak just 12 days into the new year, when his new boss at Poland's state television told him that there was no way to work together anymore, citing "different perspectives." Mr. Maslak, 40, agreed, and now says he is "proud of being the first" to be sent packing under the conservative government that took power seven months ago.

[LINK] [LINK] Jaroslaw Kaczynski, the leader of the governing Law and Justice party, in June. Polish television networks have become an arena in recent battles between Polish authorities and European institutions. Kacper Pempel / Reuters [caption]

Since then, at least 163 other people, including the most prominent news anchors and reporters in Poland, have either been fired or quit state broadcasting, according to the Journalists' Association, one of the two main organizations representing Polish journalists. . .  
<http://mobile.nytimes.com/2016/07/04/world/europe/polands-conservative-government-puts-curbs-on-state-tv-news.html>  
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

\*\* PUERTO RICO. Faro de Santidad, Mayagüez now on its new 1300 kHz frequency with religious programming in Spanish in parallel with 1660 WGIT Canóvanas and 1580 WMTI for the northern and central parts of the island (Morovis). (Santiago San Gil G via Mauno Ritola, WRTH Facebook Group via IRCA via July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

600 WYEL Mayagüez has STA extension granted for U1 1.25 kW day & night

680 WAPA San Juan now using new slogan: ¡La Poderosa!. (IRCA)

1030 WOSO San Juan STA extended for U1 1 kW nights from temporary antenna.

1260 WISO Ponce has new slogan: ¡La Poderosa!. (IRCA)

1560 WRSJ Bayamón seeks to extend STA for U1 4 kW/740 watts from CP site.

1580 WMTI Morovis changed callsign to WGFE on 5 May, then back to WMTI a week later! Currently silent due problems at tower site. (via NRC)

1590 WGYA Guayama another with new slogan: ¡La Poderosa!. (IRCA)  
(all via July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

\*\* ROMANIA. The English Service of Radio Romania International sent their QSL "Butchers' Bastion, Baia Mare, 13790 kHz, for a report of May 2016 sent by ordinary mail, whereas I am still waiting for confirmation of emailed reports of May, July and October 2015 (Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

\*\* RUSSIA. 7295, R. Sakha, Yakutsk. Traditional Russian song 1048, fair but ordinary modulation, 25/6 (Craig Seager, VK2HBT, Bathurst NSW (Perseus SDR, Icom IC-746, Icom IC-R71E, Airspy SDR with Spyverter, Loop Skywire, LZ2AQ Amplified Loop, G5RV Jnr, Hustler 5-BTV Vertical, KIWA Preamp), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

What do you mean by ordinary? Should all logs be evaluated thus, unless extraordinary?? (gh, DXLD)

\*\* RUSSIA. 7295, NVK R. Sakha (Yakutsk) 1050-1100+ 30 June & 1 July. Weak but mostly clear of QRham with chat/songs in Russian/Yakut, very distinctive flute/mouth harp IS at 1100, 4+1 pips & ID in Russian / Yakut ("programa, Yakutskiya"), listed // 7345 unheard both days. Another tip of the DX beanie to Ron Howard for the helpful info on

Sakha's IS (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA, PL380/6m X wire [v.2.0], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Received the following informative email from Walt Salmaniw (BC, Canada) regarding R. Sakha. Most helpful, as I was not sure of the situation regarding the language used by R. Sakha, whereas Walt is very knowledgeable about the Russian language.

"Ron, your email prompted me to check what I recorded for 7295. I then compared them to yours. I taped 4 overnights on June 29th, 30th, and July 1st and 5th. The 29th and 30th produced the best results, while the 1st and 5th not so strong. Identical IS and programming to yours. I concentrated on the period up to 1300, which seemed to be the strongest here in Victoria. The programming you attached is not in Russian at all, but local programming. Just the one ID after the IS in Russian, and some of the techno kind of music that Russians seem to love. Otherwise it's in local language. My results aren't nearly as good as yours. I've attached one from 1300 on June 30th on 7295 for comparison. Using a Wellbrook ALA 100 antenna. 73,...Walt. PS: I'm sure they would be blasting in had I been in Masset!"

Walt's recording was very decent, just not as strong a reception as I have been having recently on 7295. Ron Howard, CA, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Happy 4th of July! R. Sakha (7295) not heard 0900-0938; was expecting their usual \*0900; rechecked 0949 to find strong signal, so a very late sign on. Very pleasant listening to their traditional music. My local sunrise 1255 UT and Yakutsk sunset at 1308, with R. Sakha going off at 1300\*, just after their IS (Jew's harp) and time pips; this is their weekday sign off time. Typical audio from July 4th reception attached (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: Russia - R. Sakha with major change

- - - - - Glenn wrote: ``There are also widely divergent azimuths for the two frequencies which would also account for differences in strength. Originally according to Ivo

7295 250 kW was 45 degrees,  
7345 100 kW was 310 degrees.

Perhaps they had really been reversed as now Ron has 7295 much stronger on the beam toward North America as one would expect rather than toward Europe. Is the reversal also evident there? ``

Hi Glenn, Thanks to Mauno Ritola for posting the following to WRTH Facebook. Appreciate his feedback. Recently R. Sakha on 7295 has had

very strong signals into California, whereas 7345 is now mostly unusable.

"Yes, Ron, it must be as you say, that they have changed the stronger transmitter to 7295 kHz. I checked both here in Finland and via Japan remote receivers around 1000 today [July 5] and both had 7295 kHz stronger than 7345, so not a question about directionality." (Ron Howard, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7295, Radio Sakha, via Yakutsk, on July 6 with special live coverage from the opening ceremony of the 6th Children of Asia International Sports Games now being held in Yakutsk; all coverage translated into English 1248-1310; at 1310 went to local announcers in just one language, with commentary, while the opening ceremony continued on in the background; several speeches by Russian officials welcoming boys and girls to the games and declaring the games officially open; described the carrying in of the various flags from Mongolia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, etc.; still going at tune out of 1317, which was well past their normal weekday 1300\*, so special extended coverage of the games.

The games are being held till July 17, with the closing ceremony being on July 16. Hope we can hear more coverage of the games, as they are being held locally in Yakutsk. Very interesting coverage, as it was live and in English (Ron Howard, Pacific Grove, CA, EtŮn E1 with Par Electronics EF-SWL antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

These details from Yakutsk in the 90ties:

"Sakha" A-99 season

7140{old 41mb range} 50 RV-727 2000-1600 Yakutsk 045deg Ciraf 24-26, then replaced by 7320{new 41mb range} kHz; and 250 kW from 2008year 7200 100 RV-729 2000-1600 Yakutsk non-dir Ciraf 23,33,34  
7345 50 RV-725 2000-1600 Yakutsk 310deg Ciraf 23,33  
73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA [non]. Re: Radio Liberty/Svoboda in Russian continues on shortwave, June 26 --- Recording has been archived here:  
<https://archive.org/details/RadioSvoboda5.9959540MHz25June20161922UTC>  
and on July 4th, will be available here:  
<http://shortwavearchive.com/>

I'd like to thank my Russian grad student, Ivan Smolyakov, for help in translating some of the recording for me (Richard Langley, NB, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Live, off-air recording on 25 June 2016 of the last couple of hours or



so of the final evening broadcast of Radio Svoboda (Radio Liberty) in Russian on shortwave. The recording starts at about 1922 UT using the frequency of 5995 kHz. The transmission on this frequency was from a 100 kW transmitter at Lampertheim, Germany, operated by the United States International Broadcasting Bureau, with an antenna beam azimuth of 55 . Just before 2100 UT, this transmitter left the air and the receiver was retuned to 9540 kHz for the continuation of the broadcast. The transmission on this frequency was also from a 100 kW transmitter at Lampertheim, with an antenna beam azimuth of 75 . The broadcast ended just before 2200 UT.

The recording begins with the program "Vremya Dzhaza" (Jazz Time), moderated by Dmitry Savitsky, in progress. It is interesting that one of the last broadcasts of Radio Svoboda on shortwave included jazz music, considering how important jazz was for fostering U.S. culture and lifestyle during the Cold War. At 2000 UT, there is a five-minute news bulletin, followed by the program "Kult Lichnosti" (Cult of Personality). It features an interview with Yevgeny Bunimovich, famed Russian poet, mathematician, and politician. At 2300 UT, there is another five-minute news bulletin, followed by the program "Itogi Nedeli" (Results of the Week), a discussion of the week's news.

Signal quality at the beginning of the recording (on the frequency of 5995 kHz) is quite good. There is about a minute of silence around 2000 UT while the radio is retuned. After the station changes frequency, the signal is not as good. Also, there is now interference in the background from a Chinese station. Between about 2122 and 2132 UT, the Radio Svoboda transmitter is off the air. When it comes back, the signal is a bit stronger and stays that way until the end of the recording.

The broadcast was received by the Web-interface wideband software-defined radio at the University of Twente in Enschede, The Netherlands, with a "Mini-Whip" antenna in AM mode initially with 9.09 kHz total bandwidth RF filtering. After the frequency change, the bandwidth was changed to 5.17 kHz (via DXLD)

[and non] After the change of frequency to 9540 kHz at 2100 UT in my Radio Svoboda recording, a Chinese-language station can be heard underneath and interfering with Radio Svoboda. Checking frequency lists, it appears that Sound of Hope (Xi Wang Zhi Sheng), Taiwan, is the only other station broadcasting on this frequency at this time but given its low power, it's doubtful that is what we hear. Of course, Sound of Hope might be jammed by the PRC. Attached is a two-minute clip in which you can hear some kind of announcement in Chinese followed by what might be a signature tune of some kind. Does anyone recognize it? Thanks.

1 of 1 File(s) [available on the dxldyg]  
RadioSvoboda-5.995&9.540MHz-25June2016-1922UTC\_clip.mp3  
(Richard Langley, NB, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not sure, but there may be "Xi Wang Zhi Sheng Guangbo Diantai" ID  
(Mauno Ritola, ibid.)

\*\* RUSSIA [and non]. SUSPENSION EMISION RT EN ARGENTINA: Carta abierta  
de la comunidad ruso-argentina a Macri  
Pajaro Rojo > Russia Today Archivo Etiqueta: Russia Today  
Montserrat Mestre 17/06/2016

Se suceden las reacciones a la decisión del gobierno de Macri de  
suspender la emisión del canal ruso en español Russia Today, en la red  
estatal argentina. Las primeras reacciones llegaron de altos  
funcionarios rusos que pidieron al Parlamento de la Federación de  
Rusia, sancionar a Argentina cerrando el mercado ruso a sus productos.  
El pedido de sanciones fue expresado por Alexei Pushkov, presidente  
del Comité de Asuntos Internacionales del Parlamento de la Federación  
Rusa (Duma) y por su homólogo del Consejo de la Federación (Senado),  
Konstantin Kosachov. . .  
<http://pajaroroyo.com.ar/?p=25230>  
(via DXLD)

In other words, better not get involved with Russia Today, because if  
you decide to drop it from your cable system, your country will be  
threatened with sanctions, closing the Russian market to your products!  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SAO TOME E PRINCIPE [and non]. 4930.00, 2045-2055 1.7, BOTSWANA,  
VOA, Moepeng Hill English ann, Afropop, 35333, AP-DNK

4940.00, \*2029-2045 1.7, STP, VOA, Pinheira having transmitter  
problems English opening ID: "This is the Voice of America, Washington  
DC, signing on" and then the transmitter fall out! Back at 2033 with  
Hausa talk about FBI, Nigeria and Kenya, but the transmitter again  
fall out a couple of times for a few seconds 44444 CWQRM AP-DNK (Anker  
Petersen, Denmark, heard on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres  
of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD)

Here's a (final?) update on the previously chirping VOA Relay on 4940  
from STP: yesterday 2016-06-30 when I checked, the station, the  
carrier came on around 2025z, but out of the usual 2 x ID + Yankee  
Doodle Dandy signature tune, only the 2nd one was audible but only  
barely modulated. The usual programming started as scheduled at 2030  
and while there was no chirping any more, the initial modulation level  
still seemed a bit low. At 2032, to have a comparison of the audio  
levels, I switched to 4930 (BOT in English) which had a fair to good

signal despite heavy QSB and QRN. When tuning back to 4940 before 2033, the signal from STP had completely disappeared and it only came back on just before 2055z, but then with adequate modulation. The usual S/Off just after 2100 was "full-featured" as is the case during the weekdays, in other words, male VOA S/Off ID + Yankee Doodle Dandy; the only odd thing was that it took almost until 2106z before the carrier was switched off (audio clips attached). So the good news is: there's no chirping any more, so the VOA team must have found the issue and fixed it! Great job! (Tobias (T≤), Germany, July 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, Happy Independence Day! After a few more hickups (in other words, temporary complete broadcast dropouts and modulation variations) during the past few days after reappearing on the wireless, the VOA STP relay on 4940 from 2030 to 2100 is back to normal strength and perfectly fine modulation as of this past weekend, checked again on 2016-07-03. Best regards (Tobias (T≤), Germany, 2016-07-04, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SAUDI ARABIA. 11930even, R Saudi, Arabic, S=9+10dB, 1955 UT also 11914.989, R Saudi, Arabic, S=9+30dB, also 11820.044, R Saudi, Arabic, S=9+45dB superpower (Wolfgang B.schel, 25 mb log in 1930-2030 UT time slot July 4 here in southern Germany too, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SOLOMON ISLANDS. 9545, July 2 at 0542, music at S1-S4, presumably SIBC once again staying on day channel later than usual 0500\* on the frequency all to itself (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SOMALILAND. 7120, 2053, SOMALIA, Radio Hargeisa on late for Ramadan with news at fair level. Short instrumental melody and closedown at 2100 21/6 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWES to North, Central & South America, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

\*\* SOUTH AFRICA. 17745.075, July 3 at 1405, JBA carrier off-frequency. Aoki shows between 13 and 16, 17745 is nothing but BBC Somali via Meyerton (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SOUTH AFRICA. AS ELECTIONS LOOM, THERE'S A CRISIS AT SOUTH AFRICA'S PUBLIC BROADCASTER - Critics warn that the state broadcasting company is currying favor with the ruling party ó at the cost of journalistic objectivity. . .  
<http://foreignpolicy.com/2016/07/01/as-elections-loom-theres-a-crisis-at-south-africas-public-broadcaster-sabc-hlaudi-motsoeneng/>  
(via Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, July 2, dxldyg via DXLD)

Latest news from SABC as of lunchtime, July 4:

FORMER BOARD MEMBERS CALL FOR TASK TEAM TO INVESTIGATE TROUBLE AT SABC  
- Times LIVE Ernest Mabuza | 04 July, 2016 11:29

Journalists protesting outside the SABC offices in Cape Town on 1 July 2016. Image by: Esa Alexander [caption]

A number of former South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) board members and senior executives have called for the appointment of a task team to investigate the malaise at the corporation and allow all employees to give evidence without fear of victimisation.

The open letter from comes as the Right2Know campaign and the Save our SABC Coalition meet SABC chief operating officer Hlaudi Motsoeneng later on Monday over suspended journalists.

The group met Motsoeneng on Friday during a picket by unionsÇ activists and journalists against censorship and the suspension of three journalists two weeks ago outside the public broadcasterís offices in Johannesburg. How the SABC turned into Hlaudi House . . .  
<http://www.timeslive.co.za/politics/2016/07/04/Former-board-members-call-for-task-team-to-investigate-trouble-at-SABC>

I think this is relevant because the subject coincides with news censorship at the SABC:

SA VOTES AGAINST INTERNET FREEDOMS IN UN RESOLUTION  
News24 Wired World 04 Jul 2016 02:42 (South Africa)

Johannesburg - South Africa has joined China and Russia in voting against a United Nations (UN) resolution on the ipromotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the internetí. . .  
[http://dailymaverick.us10.list-manage1.com/track/click?](http://dailymaverick.us10.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=6170d6a6d93cac57e83ba137f&id=47aea213d6&e=962d9ec744)  
[u=6170d6a6d93cac57e83ba137f&id=47aea213d6&e=962d9ec744](http://dailymaverick.us10.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=6170d6a6d93cac57e83ba137f&id=47aea213d6&e=962d9ec744)  
(all via Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D.  
dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MASS ACTION AGAINST SABC CENSORSHIP.  
<http://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/mass-action-call-to-force-hlaudi-out-of-sabc-2041703>  
(via Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA, July 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SRI LANKA. 11905, July 3 at 0115, S1 SLBC prÉlude music underway, and 2+1 mis-timesignal ending at 0115:17.5 as expected (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SUDAN [non]. 11645, July 3 at 0551, R. Dabanga via VATICAN, S9 with Sunday Greek Orthodox chanting clearly audible underneath // weaker

9420, so once again in collision as VOG sometimes uses 11645 instead of 9935 (or nothing at all). BTW, have not noticed any tone or carrier jamming from Sudan lately around 11645, nor ex-11650 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SUDAN SOUTH [non]. 11645, June 30 at 0428, R. Tamazuji ID in passing, S5 with no jamming around here or 11650, where it had been at previous tuneby 0423 and stronger. At 0428 without any break mentions R. Dabanga, and 0430 its singing ID. No Greece to cope with now since it's still on 9935.

HFCC A-16 originally had only 11650 for PNW [Tamazuji] at 0330-0430 via MADAGASCAR, and also for PNW [Dabanga] at 0430-0600 via VATICAN, but in the meantime the Dabanga part only (for Sudan, not Sudan South) shifted to 11645 to avoid jamming. The handover actually must have happened about 0427 before I retuned in, and not co-ordinated with the exact time of programming feed switch. BTW, HFCC shows another station, unheard on 11650 at 0400-0500, CRI Vietnamese southward from Kunming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11630, MADAGASCAR, R Tamazuji 6/22 0355 ID, HOA mx, vg (Sherry Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc WI, NRD-515 with Eavesdropper, via Bob Wilkner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Probably a typo for 11650, but possibly jumped around? (gh, DXLD)

\*\* SUDAN SOUTH [non]. FRANCE, Reception of Eye Radio in vary languages, July 5  
1600-1630 on 17730 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Arabic/English  
1630-1700 on 17730 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf unknown\*& Bari  
\*including other languages Dinka, Nuer, Shilluk, Zande, Lutoho  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/reception-of-eye-radio-in-vary.html>  
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, July 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

Eye Radio, Juba, probably via Issoudun Heard 0400-0500 on 11730 kHz with a multi-language news and commentary program mostly English. Also 17730 kHz 1600-1700. The station has got a well designed website and Facebook site and also operates some FM stations within the country. I got an e-mail from the Facebook administrator promising a QSL card, but still waiting (Ullmar Qvick, Sweden, SW Bulletin July 3 via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

\*\* SURINAME. 4990, Radio Apintie, Paramaribo, 0940 om in Dutch, relatively better signal to 0945 2 July (Robert Wilkner, Pûmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, Multi-band dipole, noise reducing antenna, on the ground antenna, DXSF Mosquito Coast DX News 1981-2016, via NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* SWAZILAND. Trans World Radio is audible with very good signal on 6130 kHz via its SW station Mpangela Ranch in Swaziland, S9+20, partly S9+30. Since 1820 they are broadcasting religious programming in the "Umbundu" language with some data QRM in the background, only audible in LSB. Umbundu is spoken by more than 6 million people in parts of Angola (incl. Benguela and Nova Lisboa). "Ndanda" \*)\*) means "Goodbye" in Umbundu. 73, (Manfred Reiff, Germany, July 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I can receive it with -70.2 DB on Alex's SDR in Israel. Surprisingly it is not so strong and the station has a mild fading. Unfortunately Alex's site has local electric noise which affects the quality of the signal. But, it is much more better than my current location where electrical interference is heavier (Tibor Gaal, Budapest, Hungary, 1923 UT, ibid.)

Hi Tibor, I'm using an Inverted-V antenna at present directed to 165 /345 , the wire is 10 meters in length on each side. 73, (Manfred Reiff, Germany, ibid.)

\*\* SWEDEN. Re: Alexanderson Day SAQ Transmission July 3 - a reminder Sunday, July 3, 2016 5:30 PM

Not having a VLF-capable receiver at home, and never having heard these special transmissions from SAQ before, today I used the Twente remote receiver to hear the 0900 transmission. It was already on the air when I tuned in at 0842. Signal strength was no better than fair (in comparison to some other VLF stations on the air), but with clear copy. Initially just sending Vs, and then the callsign SAQ. There was a message at 0900. Wonderful to hear this historic piece of equipment! (Chris Greenway, England, July 3, BDXC-UK yg viai DXLD)

\*\* SWITZERLAND. Los medios suizos al exterior siguen su expansi n

El ejecutivo helv tico aprob  el nuevo mandato del portal de swissinfo.ch para los pr ximos cuatro a os, en el marco del acuerdo de prestaciones de la oferta period stica dirigida al exterior y establecida en la Ley de Radio y Televisi n y que concierne a cuatro medios informativos.

En un comunicado reciente, el Ejecutivo suizo declar  que su contribuci n para cofinanciar el presupuesto de 2017 a 2020 de swissinfo.ch, tvswizzera.it, TV5Monde y 3sat ser  de poco menos de 20 millones de francos. Estos cuatro medios de comunicaci n son los encargados de difundir informaci n sobre Suiza a una audiencia internacional. La Sociedad Suiza de Radiodifusi n y Televisi n (SSR, en sus siglas en franc s) salud  la decisi n e indic  que se trata de

un reconocimiento al papel central que desempeñan esas emisoras y sitios internet en el posicionamiento de Suiza en el extranjero.

El director general de la SSR, Roger de Weck, subrayó, por su parte: "A través de las cuatro ofertas de la SSR - SWI, TV5, 3Sat y TvSwizzera.it - Suiza puede mostrar su experiencia con la democracia directa y con la convivencia de sus cuatro culturas a cientos de millones de personas en el extranjero y transmitir las producciones culturales suizas más allá de las fronteras nacionales".

En el caso del portal en diez idiomas de swissinfo.ch, el mandato gubernamental indica por primera vez explícitamente que este servicio, además de su oferta multimedia propia, selecciona y difunde contenidos de alta calidad de fuentes externas en la red internet sobre una temática específica (curación), sobre contribuciones significativas del periodismo ciudadano participativo y sobre la integración de los inmigrantes en la sociedad suiza (via GRA blog via DXLD)

\*\* TAIWAN. 7730, Sound of Hope, Taiwan (presumed). In Chinese on 9/6 at 1945, often mentioned iFalun Gong in the comment // 7800, 9155, 9200, 9280, 10960, 11130 & maybe 6900, 11430 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, folded Marconi antenna), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

11470.137, July 6 at 1243, music at S1, presumably Sound of Hope, which Aoki lists on 11470.088, and thus no ChiCom jamming. Also a JBA carrier near 11430, likewise in Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TAIWAN. 9725, Xing Xing guangbo diantai 4 (Kuanyin) \*1300-1328\* 28 June. Opens with flute/percussion tune, "Xing Xing guangbo diantai.." ID followed by the always entertaining "robo-girl" with Chinese number groups (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA, PL380/6m X wire [v.2.0], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TIBET. CHINA. 4920, 05/29 at 2140, PBS Xizang Lhasa. Tibetan. Tibetan (presumed) songs and talk by YL in studio with OM on phone line. Program is "Plateau Melody" per <http://www.vtibet.com/en/radio/live/?inputStr=zy> 15331.

6050, 05/29 at 2015, PBS Xizang Lhasa. Chinese. Nice selection of Chinese instrumental music. After 2100 into operatic music in a program possibly called "Golden Melody" per <http://www.vtibet.com/en/radio/live/?inputStr=hy> // 4820. 45333 (Alan Roe, UK, July CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

\*\* UGANDA [non]. WWRB 15240 kHz --- You got to wonder where the

engineer is. Too bad they had some good African music at 1610 UTC but has gone haywire for over 10 minutes. 73 (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, AB, 1621 UT July 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

USA, Weak signal of Radio Munansi via WWRB Global 2 on July 2:  
1655&1730 15240 WRB 115 kW / 045 deg ENAm Ugandan Sat/Sun  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/weak-signal-of-radio-munansi-via-wwrb.html>

-- 73! Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15240, Sat July 2 at 1650, WWRB is out of whack, African(?) music modulation cutting off and on twice per second. Still at 1658, and same malady continues during formal opening of Radio Munansi {NO WWRB ID; why bother?}, 1700 with anthem, and 1701 choral themesong. So the preceding music hour is obviously coming over the same feed. Isn't anyone paying attention? Mick Delmage, Alberta said some good African music went haywire at 1610-1620+. My recheck at 1727 finds it now OK, the speaker in Luganda(?) with looong pauses so I first thought it was dead air.

It remains doubtful that this broadcast is reaching Uganda. Ivo Ivanov thinks the azimuth is 45 degrees which is aiming at Paris, yet I could not get a readable signal via nearby UTwente, while Uganda is really 70 degrees from WWRB. Try again Sunday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

<http://radiomunansi.com/listen-live/>

I would be surprised if 15240 kHz will not be found to be // with this.

``It remains doubtful that this broadcast is reaching Uganda. Ivo Ivanov thinks the azimuth is 45 degrees which is aiming at Paris``

That's in fact what the FCC is thinking, and it indeed appears to be correct. Staring at aerial images very much suggests that there is a rhombic with such a bearing, with the northeastern support being close to the station grounds entrance, as seen at

<https://goo.gl/maps/NRc41ZfADCB2>

(Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

USA, 15239.972, odd frequency, WWRB Morrison TN USA, heard in some African language, 1700-1900 UT {Radio Munansi Sat/Sun in Ugandan, according Aoki database in Nagoya Japan}.

African modern music noted at 1728 UT, followed by spoken part around at 1731 UT, noted Uganda, USA, South Africa. S=9+15dB or -59dBm



signal, heard on remote US MI Detroit unit. Clear spoken part, nice audio. 14.8 kHz wide audio peak visible on screen 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, DXLISTENING DIGEST)

15239.978, Sunday July 3 at 1610, WWRB with R. Munansi already, judging from the Luganda (?) lecturer, with long pauses, at first wondering if modulation is cutting out rather than his own style of speaking. S9 signal, then mod seems OK. 1822 recheck, still talk with pauses, modulation OK. So it seems that R. Munansi mostly-talk programming airs Sat 1700-1900, Sun 1600-1900, with the previous hour on Saturday attempted to be occupied by music from same source (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U A E. 12094.988, Al Dhabbaya BBC Arabic S=9+20dB 1930 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, 25 mb log in 1930-2030 UT time slot July 4 here in southern Germany too, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U K. BBC MONITORING: £4 MILLION CUTS, 98 JOBS AXED, TO MOVE FROM CAVERSHAM --- BBC News July 5 1330

At least 98 jobs at the BBC Monitoring department are to be cut ahead of a £4m reduction in funding...The team will relocate from Caversham Park in Reading, its base since 1943. It is understood that the service's new headquarters will be based in London.

Full article with brief history of the service  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-36712151>

Complete press release  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2016/bbc-outlines-bbc-monitoring-restructure-plans>

Caversham will be on BBC Television shortly, an edition of the Antiques Roadshow was filmed there on June 26, there were about 3,500 visitors (Mike Barraclough, England, July 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### BBC OUTLINES BBC MONITORING RESTRUCTURE PLANS

The proposals are designed to make BBC Monitoring fit for the future and better for its clients, focusing on digital and social media as well as traditional media  
Francesca Unsworth, Director, BBC World Service Group Date: 05.07.2016  
Last updated: 05.07.2016 at 13.17 Category: World Service

The BBC has outlined plans for an extensive restructure of BBC Monitoring to provide a more responsive service for users in a rapidly changing media landscape, to increase commercial activity, and to meet

savings targets.

BBC Monitoring provides news and information based on open-source media around the world - TV, radio, newspapers, online, and social media - to the BBC, the UK Government, and other commercial clients. From 2013 BBC Monitoring has been funded by the BBC Licence Fee.

Alongside today's restructure, BBC Monitoring is also expected to move from its current base in Caversham Park, Reading, to a location in London. The timing of this move will be confirmed in due course.

BBC Monitoring will see an annual £4m reduction in funding from 2017.

Proposals for the changes include a more streamlined editorial structure, focused on editorial quality and clarity of purpose; the prioritisation of digital skills; an expanded geographic footprint with consolidated locations; an alignment of roles and skills with the wider BBC News teams and a clear career development path. BBC Monitoring's office in Mazar-i-Sharif is set to close, with new bases opening in Istanbul and Jerusalem.

Today's proposals are expected to lead to the closure of around 100 posts. The BBC will now begin consultation with staff and the joint unions, where appropriate.

Francesca Unsworth, Director of the BBC World Service Group, says: "For more than 75 years, BBC Monitoring has provided an invaluable service to BBC News, as well as Government and commercial clients. Spotting developing stories and trends in hundreds of languages and countries across the world helps the BBC to offer a truly global news service.

Like all media organisations, BBC Monitoring has to keep pace with the new landscape of digital and social media. And, like the rest of the BBC, BBC Monitoring needs to make savings.

The proposals we've announced are designed to make BBC Monitoring fit for the future and better for its clients, focusing on digital and social media as well as traditional media, and ensuring the organisation can respond to change more easily. Today's plans build on significant changes we've already made in BBC Monitoring, including a new production system for staff and a new delivery portal for clients."

Notes to Editors

BBC Monitoring supplies news, information and comment translated and analysed from publicly available media sources around the world. Material is available in 100 different languages covering 150

countries. Clients include government departments, academics, journalists and international businesses.

The operating costs for BBC Monitoring in the FY 16/17 are £13.2m, and there are currently 320 staff. CM7 (also via Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

From: Fran Unsworth ñ Comms  
Sent: 05 July 2016 00:15  
Subject: BBC Monitoring

This email is going to everyone in BBC News

Dear all, This morning we announced some extensive changes to BBC Monitoring ñ our Licence Fee funded department providing news and information, based on open source media around the world, to the BBC, UK Government and other commercial clients. The press release is attached.

Monitoring has been set a tough savings target of £4m which has to be achieved by April 2017. With the world's rapidly changing media landscape putting increasing pressure on current operations, we decided to use this as an opportunity to transform Monitoring and ensure it is fit for the future. The aim is to understand users better, to focus on quality and to ensure it can respond to change more easily. It also enables us to align roles and skills more closely with the wider World Service Group teams.

BBC Director of Monitoring, Sara Beck, announced proposals for the new structure to staff this morning and we will start consultation with the joint unions on these proposals next week. Almost all of 320 monitoring employees will be affected by the changes, and we expect the closure of 98 posts.

In addition, we also announced a decision in principle for the team to move out of Caversham Park and into a central London location. Caversham has been the home of Monitoring for more than 70 years and is very much part of the BBC's history. However, we believe bringing Monitoring closer to the rest of News will bring significant benefits. The BBC Workplace team will make an announcement on the future of the site in due course.

We understand this is a difficult time for everyone in the team and will do our utmost to support them over the coming weeks and months.  
Fran

Posted by: (Jonathan Kempster, July 5, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

\*\* U K. 50th anniversary of BBCWS Outlook --- Detailed article, with

some audio, on the BBC World Service programme Outlook which celebrates its 50th anniversary today. . .  
<http://andywalmsley.blogspot.co.uk/2016/07/youre-with-outlook.html>  
(Mike Barraclough, England, dxldyg via DXLD)

Last updated: 04.07.2016 at 15.55 Category: World Service  
The names of three people chosen as Outlook Inspirations were revealed today (4 July 2016) ñ the day of Outlook's 50th birthday ñ during a special live broadcast presented by Matthew Bannister and Jo Fidgen from the Radio Theatre in London. BBC World Service launched a search for the world's most inspiring personal stories earlier in the year to mark the programme's anniversary.

The judging panel, chaired by BBC's Chief International Correspondent Lyse Doucet and also including actor and director Nandita Das and BBC Head of Facebook for Africa Nunu Ntshingila, chose the three Outlook Inspirations from a shortlist of 15.

The Outlook Inspirations are:

#### Kees Veldboer

Kees is the man behind the Ambulance Wish Foundation which fulfills people's dying wishes. Kees was working as an ambulance driver in Holland when he saw a patient moved to tears by the sight of a canal on a sunny day. This was the starting point of what has become an organisation staffed by hundreds of volunteers that have so far fulfilled almost 8,000 wishes.

More about his story here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03ttpq2>

#### Dorris Francis

Almost every day Dorris Francis stands at a road junction in Ghaziabad, a suburb of Delhi, and directs the traffic. She is not a policewoman, but over the years drivers who use that route have come to know her story and accept her being there. Dorris lost her daughter on this road and has devoted herself to stopping any further accidents there.

More about her story here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03vygdv>

#### Natalia Ponce de Le n

Colombian Natalia Ponce de Le n's life changed the day she was attacked by a stalker with acid. It burned her face, arms, abdomen and one of her legs. Acid attacks have become a major concern in Colombia over the last decade. About 100 people, most of them women, are estimated to be targeted every year. In January 2016 a new law was introduced in the country to impose tougher sentences on the perpetrators of acid attacks. The law is named after Natalia.

More about her story here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03wvdzm>

Lyse Doucet, BBC Chief International Correspondent and judge of Outlook Inspirations, says: "Our news headlines often focus on major crises and conflicts of our time. Outlook gives us a wonderful window into a different world through the celebration of the human spirit and stories that make us stop and listen. Outlook Inspirations left me humbled by the courage of individuals who fought their own battles, experienced or witnessed extraordinary pain in their lives, and turned it into a powerful force for good. Every one of the nominees is notable."

Mary Hockaday says: "For half a century Outlook has been sharing extraordinary personal stories of courage, determination and compassion, inspiring many around the world. On its birthday we pay tribute to some of the programme's heroes whose actions have made a difference. I can't think of a better way to celebrate 50 years of Outlook on the BBC World Service."

In March Outlook invited listeners to nominate people they wanted to suggest for Outlook Inspirations. At the same time the Outlook team searched the back catalogues for some of the most inspirational people who had featured on the programme to add to the list of nominees. A longlist of 50 nominees was announced in May.

Over the years, Outlook has spoken to hundreds of courageous individuals who have overcome adversity, followed their dreams and above all inspired those around them. Outlook Inspirations celebrates people who have shown incredible resilience through difficult times, changed the fortunes of their local community or demonstrated remarkable courage or compassion. Above all, stories that leave fellow human beings in awe.

For a full list of the 50 Outlook nominees: stories of people who have shown real courage and inspirations: BBC - Outlook Inspirations <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2016/outlook-inspirations-50-years> (via Hansjoerg Biener, July 5, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Subject: SWL tip for July --- Hello again, Glenn -- I contacted you last year to let you know about the Maritime Radio Historical Society's "Night of Nights" event in which historic maritime CW stations return from the dead for one night, but I got you the information too late.

This year I'm on the early side, and I wanted to give you a heads-up well in advance of this July 12 (0000 UT July 13) event. There's been no announcement regarding which stations will operate this year, aside

from the usual Maritime Radio Historical Society trio of KPH, KSM and KFS, but I'm including the link to the National Park Service website and the MRHS home page (as well as information from last year's event) so you can keep tabs on it. Hopefully I'll be able to notify you in time for your deadline when the MRHS announces the participating stations, or perhaps you'll want to subscribe to MRHS e-mails.

National Park Service, Point

Reyes National Seashore:

[https://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/events\\_nightofnights.htm](https://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/events_nightofnights.htm)

MHRS:

<http://www.radiomarine.org/>

MHRS 2015 Event:

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs149/1109843077277/archive/1121472370098.html>

Hope you find this useful. TNX and 73, (Brian D. Smith, W9IND, Greenwood, Indiana, May 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I asked him to remind me a week or two before the event (gh)

The Maritime Radio Historical Society's iNight of Nights, is the annual one-night-only return of maritime CW stations such as KPH, WLO and NMC. (I expected to get this announcement sooner, but I literally just received it within the last two hours.)

The first transmission is at 0001 UT July 13, which of course equates to the evening of [Tuesday] July 12 for U.S. listeners.

Historic coast stations KPH, KFS, KSM, and WLO will be on the air! USCG stations NMC, NMW and NMQ will return to the air - possibly for the last time!

An event that became known as the Night of Nights, Morse code station KPH has returned to the air, joined by KFS and the station of the MRHS, KSM.

This year our friends and colleagues at USCG station NMC have labored mightily to bring that storied call sign back to life on Morse code for the evening along with NMQ in Cambria, CA. And station NMW in Astoria, OR will be on the air as well.

This is a global and local event. Hundreds of listeners around the world will be waiting with their earphones on, waiting for the signals of the great station to once again arc over the dome of the Earth to their receivers.

Sent by info@radiomarine.org

MHRS:

<http://www.radiomarine.org/>

(Brian D Smith, IN, July 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That leads to the very long latest newsletter,

<http://conta.cc/29iaZ00>

profusely illustrated with equipment, circuit diagrams, historical info, and of course all the frequencies to be used by participating stations, which really leads to this:

<http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Night-of-Nights-2016----MRHS-Newsletter-No--55.html?soid=1109843077277&aid=wD04oMX1o6w>

{later got from Brian an updated 55a, but don't find a link to it}

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 17530, July 4 at 1406, open carrier/dead air at S8, presumably Greenville transmitter test for later broadcast, often carried out after 10 am local (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1832 monitoring: confirmed first SW broadcast, Thursday June 30 at 1130 on WRMI 9955, S9+10 and no jamming. Next:

|            |                           |
|------------|---------------------------|
| Thu 2100   | WRMI 13695 to NW          |
| Thu 2330   | WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW    |
| Fri 2130   | WRMI 15770 to NE          |
| Fri 2130.5 | WRMI 13695 to NW          |
| Fri 2330   | WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW    |
| Sat 0630   | HLR 6190-CUSB to SW       |
| Sat 1430   | HLR 7265-CUSB to SW       |
| Sat 1930v  | WA0RCR 1860-AM ND         |
| Sat 2230   | WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW    |
| Sun 0310v  | WA0RCR 1860-AM ND         |
| Sun 2330   | WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW    |
| Mon 0030   | WRMI 7730 to WNW          |
| Mon 0300v  | WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW |
| Mon 0330   | WRMI 9955 to SSE          |
| Mon 2330   | WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW    |
| Tue 1100   | WRMI 9955 to SSE          |
| Tue 2130   | WRMI 15770 to NE          |
| Tue 2330   | WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW    |
| Wed 1315.5 | WRMI 9955 to SSE          |
| Wed 2100   | WBCQ 7490v to WSW         |
| Wed 2330   | WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW    |

WORLD OF RADIO 1832 monitoring: confirmed Thursday June 30 at 2100 on WRMI 13695, very good. Also confirmed Thu June 30 after 2330 on WBCQ, 9329.874-CUSB, poor-fair. Next:

Fri 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE  
 Fri 2130.5 WRMI 13695 to NW  
 Fri 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
 Sat 0630 HLR 6190-CUSB to SW  
 Sat 1430 HLR 7265-CUSB to SW  
 Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND  
 Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
 Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND  
 Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
 Mon 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW  
 Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW  
 Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
 Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
 Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
 Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE  
 Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
 Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
 Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW  
 Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1832 monitoring: confirmed Friday July 1 at 2130 on  
 WRMI 15770 but JBA; also 2130.5 on WRMI 13695, VG S9+20. Also  
 confirmed Fri July 1 at 2330 on WBCQ 9329.963-CUSB. Next:

Sat 0630 HLR 6190-CUSB to SW  
 Sat 1430 HLR 7265-CUSB to SW  
 Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND  
 Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
 Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND  
 Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
 Mon 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW  
 Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW  
 Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
 Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
 Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
 Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE  
 Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
 Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
 Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW  
 Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GERMANY, 6190, Hamburger LokalRadio, Goehren, \*0600-0700, 02-07,  
 English, identification: "Hamburger LokalRadio", comments, at 0630  
 Glenn Hauser's program "World of Radio". 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo,  
 Spain, Logs in Reinante, Tecsun PL-880, Sangean ATS-909X, Cable  
 antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1832 monitoring: Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, confirms the



July 2 Sat 0630 airing on Hamburger Lokalradio, 6190-CUSB, which was preceded by Switzerland in Sound. Via UTwente I'm checking HLR 7265-CUSB starting at 1427 Sat July 2: seems nothing, then trace of a signal but too weak to recognize whether it's my voice on MN+ or WOR, nor the WOR theme which should have played at 1431. No better during following semihour. Anyhow, HLR may be on the air. Also confirmed Sat July 2 at 2255 during the 2230 broadcast on WBCQ 9329.895-CUSB, good. Also confirmed UT Sunday July 3 at 0333 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, about 15 minutes in, at the NZ item, marred by heavy storm crashes from KS/MO, so started around 0317. Next:

Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Mon 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW  
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW  
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE  
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW  
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1832 monitoring: confirmed Sunday July 3 at 2330 on WBCQ 9330.002-CUSB, S9. Also confirmed UT Monday July 4 at 0030 on WRMI 7730, very good. Also confirmed UT Monday July 4 at 0300 on Area 51 webcast, and at 0327 on WBCQ 5129.908-AM, S9+20. Also confirmed UT Monday July 4 at 0330 on WRMI 9955, good. Next:

Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE  
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW  
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1832 monitoring: confirmed Monday July 4 after 2330 on WBCQ, 9330.000-CUSB! S9+10. Next:

Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE  
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW  
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1832 monitoring: confirmed Tuesday July 5 after 2130 on WRMI 15770, very poor here; presumed good to its northeast where beamed. Also confirmed Tue July 5 after 2330 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB, JBA. Also confirmed Wed July 6 after 1315.5 on WRMI 9955, good S9 +10.

Next:

Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW  
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

\*\* U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1833 monitoring: confirmed first SW broadcast, Thursday July 7 at 1130 on WRMI 9955; initially only S5-S8 but no jamming; by 1150 built up to S9+20 to 30. Next:

Thu 2100 WRMI 13695 to NW  
Thu 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Fri 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE  
Fri 2130.5 WRMI 13695 to NW  
Fri 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Sat 0630 HLR 6190-CUSB to SW  
Sat 1430 HLR 7265-CUSB to SW  
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Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND  
Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Mon 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW  
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Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE  
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE  
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW  
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Transmitter changes of WRMI Okeechobee from June 26  
0000-2400 5015 YFR 100 kW / 222 deg MEXI Brother Stair tx#09 ex tx#01  
0000-2400 11580 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu Brother Stair\*tx#01 ex tx#09  
\* except other broadcaster/program 0000-0300, 1300-1500, 2000-2100,  
2300-2400  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/transmitter-changes-of-wrmi-okeechobee.html>  
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11580, July 1 at 0122, WRMI with Qur'an, i.e. part of their 'World Music' concert. At 0148 I am ready to recheck, betting it will be 'Up2 & Away', and it is!! So now we know what fill the UT Friday 01-02 hour which is currently blank on the WRMI non-9955 programming grid. 'World Music' does show on 11580 in the following hour, 02-03, not only on Friday but also UT Saturday and Wednesday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 7490, WBCQ, ME, Monticello with 'SW Saturday Night', with Allan Weiner taking calls and talking about the early history of TV

broadcasting, and waxing about how nice the NTSC standard was. He had an interesting suggestion that we SHOULD use a 'bybred' system of NTSC on VHF and ATSC on UHF instead of forcing everything into digital. This is akin to what Canada did by giving smaller markets an 'option' to switch to digital or not. Interesting. 45444, 2245-2315 25/Jun, RatShack portable + whip (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI2, MARE Tipsheet July 1 via DXLD)

Maybe it was Allan guesting or subbing, but 'SW Saturday Night' is Pirate Joe's show (J. P. Ferraro) who has a similar voice and accent to Allan but different politix (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7489.95-AM, UT Sat July 2 at 0102, tune-in WBCQ for the rest of Allan Weiner Worldwide often running another half-sesquihour --- but no, this week AW is wrapping it up, ID and 0103 to gospel music which at first unseems of the quality Brother Scare would play, but indeed // more or less to WRMI frequencies, and soon BS himStairicalself.

5129.9, July 2 at 0104, I try another WBCQ and find it's JBA but at least initially sounds like the same music as on 7490. I think Allan said 3250 was also on tonight, but inaudible in summer storm noise level. 9330-CUSB had just signed off.

5129.9, July 6 at 0218, ``CQ Field Day`` at S9+20 vs S9 storm noise level. It's really 'Amateur Radio Roundtable' via WBCQ as scheduled from 0100 UT Wednesdays. W5KUB, Tom Medlin is no longer distributing advance publicity by e-mail; meanwhile Ted Randall has deliberately put a repeat of his 'QSO' show on WTWW-2 5085 at the same time, which is S9+50, plus spurs circa 5072.1, 5097.9 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 9475-, June 30 at 0435, SFAW is still here at S5 to S3, as Ted has again failed to switch WTWW-1 transmitter to night frequency 5830 circa 0200, where there is nothing now. (WTWW-2, however is on correct 5085 with 'Midnight [sic] in the Desert', and modulating to boot.) 9475 recheck at 0553 is still on now, S9+10 via the other receiver, and STILL so at 1202.

Fortunately no other stations are registered on 9475 between 02 and 14, so WTWW may feel no harm is done, and it doesn't really matter which frequency they run overnight. (Here, it's weak enough not to bother much stronger 9480 MWV Madagascar in English before 0500). HFCC does show co-channels on 9475 during our daytime, however: 1420-1650 Iran in Azeri, and 1745-1815, TWR Swaziland, but I gather WTWW is so weak over there that it doesn't matter.

12105, July 1 at 0106 check, WTWW-3 is still OFF. Need to make cursory afternoon chex more often, in case it ever be on any more.

5830, July 1 at 0600 check, SFAW/PPPP is restarting another hour on WTWW-1, which has failed to broadcast on wrong day frequency tonight, 9475.

12105, July 1 at 1930 check, WTWW-3 is still OFF --- did it break down, or Bible Worldwide run out of financial backing? Now into its second week of AWOL.

12105, July 3 at 0026, WTWW-3 is reactivated, first time heard in over a week, but no longer with Bibling Worldwide in various languages. Instead it's country gospel music in English, soon canned ID by Ted, and again 0118; only S7-S8 while 9475 WTWW-1 is S9+50. Neither WTWW-2 frequency is on. 12105 is still on at 0253, ex-0200\*, more country gospel music at S9-S7, and now 5085 WTWW-2 is on with same kind of music but not //, S9+40, while WTWW-1 has switched to 5830 with PPP at S9+30 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WTWW at 2300 UT July 3:

12104.978 kHz exact

9474.975 kHz exact

(Wolfgang B.schel, In Detroit - MI remote unit, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12104.96, July 4 at 0144, WTWW-3 now S9 with Bibling in Spanish, during the hour which used to be occupied by PPPP Junior in English, i.e. more of same SFAW but not // WTWW-1, which is S9+45 on 9475-. Seems the #3 schedule, if any, is being rejiggered, following the long silence (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12104.979, WTWW, tiny Spanish S=4-5 signal in Europe (Wolfgang B.schel, 25 mb log in 1930-2030 UT time slot July 4 here in southern Germany too, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12105, July 5 at 0145, S9+30, WTWW-3 is back to Bibling, this time in Arabic. Are they now jumbling the language rotation randomly? Arabic in the middle of the Afro-Eur-Asian night makes no more sense than Russian, of course. Arabic was originally at 22-23 UT per <http://wtww.us/pages/bible-worldwide.php> which expresses times only in CDT; ``Worldwide``, indeed!

12104.980, July 5 at 1846 check, WTWW-3, Ted spells B-I-B-L-E a few times for the illiterate audience, announcing in English that this hour is in Russian --- that's more like a reasonable time, if it really propagate all the way to Moscow. So I check UTwente at 1851 and hear only a trace of talk below the noise level.

12105, July 5 at 2150, WTWW-3 in more jumbled scheduling: now with SFAW PPP but not // 9475 WTWW-1; still that English at 2228 check. At

21-22 it had been French, 22-23 Arabic. Later I heard Yoruba, but failed to note the hour, probably 23-24 UT as originally scheduled (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. I also checked WWCR on 15825 last evening and there, too, the high pitched chirping had disappeared (Tobias (T≤), Germany, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15816, 15820.5, 15829.5, 15834 approx., July 1 at 1345, nasty spurblobs out of the 15825 WWCR transmitter at ~4.5 kHz intervals. Maybe a trace also on 15811.5 but none further. Not the same as the scratchy spurs sometimes heard circa 15685, 15965, much further away at plus/minus 140 kHz, not this time at 1419 check, tho sporadic-E-boosted fundamental has weakened a bit.

Same problem just reported by Tobias (T≤), in Germany: ``WWCR caught in the "bad audio trap": I randomly checked WWCR on 15825 Saturday 2016-06-25 around 2048z and found it had audio spurs in the frequency range around 4.4 to 4.5 kHz, which, luckily, is high enough to be easily filtered out by a narrow IF filter and, since there are no other stations next to this out-of-band channel, the chirps also shouldn't produce any interference with other broadcasters`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

On the other hand, the audio chirping of WWCR on 15825 which I had reported earlier (and then believed it had disappeared late last week) continues to be heard as verified on 2016-07-02 and 2016-07-03 in our local evenings. Best regards (Tobias (T≤), Germany, 2016-07-04, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13844.983, odd frequency, WWCR Nashville TN, 2339 UT. Female prayer (Wolfgang B,schel, In Detroit - MI remote unit, July 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9350, July 5 at 2141, WWCR gospel huxter audio feed is cutting out, ringing.

5980, July 6 at 0215, JBA carrier vs S9 storm noise probably from Lubbock area; what's this? Chaski is off more than an hour earlier, and nothing is scheduled, but WWCR starts 5890 at \*0200 weeknights only, so it's that, leapfrogging over 5935 another 45 kHz higher. Later at night, can sometimes make out Brother Scare audio on 5980 thus despite also being on 5985 WRMI fundamental, plus 5950, etc.

15816, 15820.5, 15829.5, 15834 approx., July 6 at 1341, the WWCR spurs are back thanks to fundamental 15825 getting a sporadic-E boost to S9+30, making it the SS0B. Some ham propagation authority claims that Es does not funxion down to the 14 MHz band, but I have correlated

these super-strong WWCN 15825 signals numerous times with sporadic E openings displayed on the 6-meter map, as I do today (and likewise WWCN's next frequency down, 13845). 15825, and somewhat less so 13845, are weakish here under normal non-Es conditions, too close for solid F2 propagation at one megameter distance; while 12160 is normally very strong, not requiring any sporadic ``short skip`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. WMLK, 9275 kHz: Elder Jonathan S. Meyer sent a letter confirming my reception. They are still struggling to be able to broadcast at 250,000 watts (Christer Brunstr m, Sweden, SW Bulletin July 3 via DXLD) Or even with zero watts --- silent for weeks (gh)

\*\* U S A. JAPAN {non}, 12015. July 2, 2016. 0415-0423, NHK Radio Japan, Furman-SC, USA, in Spanish. YL talks, music. Fair signal and very poor modulation, 35432.

VIETNAM [non]. 6175. July 2, 2016. 0330-0340, Voice of Vietnam, Furman-SC, USA, in English. IS, ID, OM presents nat. news. Good signal and poor modulation, 45432.

6175. July 2, 2016. 0400-0413, Voice of Vietnam, Furman-SC, USA, in Spanish. IS; YL talks, ID; OM presents national news; 0410 YL presents international news. Good signal and fair modulation, 45433. (DXer: Jos  Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Degen DE1103, Antenna: Portable Telescopic, HCDX via DXLD)

?? poor modulation is one problem that WHRI, and its relays of Radio Japan and VOV don't normally suffer. By poor or fair, does this refer to modulation level, or distortion? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Travel' logs: 880, KRVN, Lexington NE; 12:30 PM-6:05 PM CDT [1730-2305 UT], 30-June; "The best farm station in the nation, 8-80 KRVN", The Rural Radio Network; Dave Therrell behind the mic to 2PM; Dave was diagnosed with leukemia 2 years ago; promos for the KRVN Beef Boosters & the Nat'l Jr. Angus Show & the Angus Foundation golf tourney; ad for Ag Advisers manure management; "Does your auger shake like a wet dog?"; Capital Sales -- "Every truck has been closer inspected than Hillary's e-mail"; the emerald ash borer has been found in NE for the 1st time; the Tunguska impact event occurred on this day in 1908 (Harold Frodge, still on the road in Nebraska, MARE Tipsheet July 1 via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. 1020, NEW MEXICO, KCKN, Roswell. 1011 July 2, 2016. Spanish preacher with emphatic, sing-song delivery. Radio Visi n Cristiana network, and indeed confirmed KCKN with a parallel and only about a half-second behind WWCL, Lehigh Acres, FL, another RVC affiliate. Slight Cuba co-channel and slight local 1010 splatter, but overall

very good on peak until 1020. First NM for me from this location, I think (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, ICF-7600GR, HQ-180A, rood dipole, active loop, indoor random wire, All times/dates GMT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 1070, CALIFORNIA, KNX, Los Angeles. 1024 July 2, 2016. Listening for Mexicans with the loop pointing west, with a little Cuba co-channel still present. Suddenly, male live, "... It's 3:25 on 10-70 News Radio KNX... traffic... on the Golden State Freeway... on the [Interstate] 405 and... on KNX." Back in at nearly local level briefly from 1038 with man, "Southern California's only 24-hour news station, KNX" into long local and national companies commercials. First time here, and first CA log since KFI many years ago (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, ICF-7600GR, HQ-180A, rood dipole, active loop, indoor random wire, All times/dates GMT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 1090, GEORGIA, WBAF, Barnesville. 0905 July 3, 2016. Local newscast with story on meth bust "in Madison County... just north of Athens..." and weather (20% rain, high of 90), then male live, "America's Country, AM 10-90 in Barnesville" into "God Bless the USA" by The Nelsons, same slogan, into "I Was There" by The Bowling Family. D1 with no pre-sunrise authority, at 1000 watts, so apparently breaking the law (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, ICF-7600GR, HQ-180A, rood dipole, active loop, indoor random wire, All times/dates GMT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Last week I drove through Doniphan, Missouri, while on a trip to Little Rock. KDFN 1500 kHz was off the air (on June 22nd and on June 26th) and a local volunteer tour guide at the town museum said they are "gone". Can anyone confirm that KDFN has been shut down. I don't follow closely stations that are shut down so if this is old news then ignore this (Tom Jasinski, Joliet, IL, July 2, NRC-AM via DXLD)

They are still licensed and that license doesn't expire till 2021, which means they renewed it recently (in the last few years). They have had some STAs to remain silent in the last 2 years or so but nothing valid for 2016 (Paul Walker, ibid.)

Gone for several years, methinks, per my DXing. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL/WI, 2016, IRCA via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. 1530, WCKY, Cincinnati OH granted STA for U1 50 kW/12.5 kW due phasing equipment failure (item from National Radio Club's iDX News's bulletin via July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. 1660, KTIQ, Merced CA, SS. Slogan "Radio Anvictioi" (NORTH

AMERICAN X BAND AT-A-GLANCE 07/2016 (thanks to Tony King), July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

Incredibly they are still publishing this erroneous slogan, even tho, months ago, we debunked it thoroughly --- and since then has even changed calls and format (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

1660, KBRE, CA, Merced, 7/1, 1315 UT. Two guys and a woman in millennial oriented talk program, talking about EU. Well after local sunrise on otherwise dead X-band. The Panasonic RF-2200 will tune "off-band" as high as 1680 on mine. Fair but steady signal using stock loop. Faded out for good after 0630 (Rick Barton, AZ, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. NPR ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE REPORTING FROM A TOWN CALLED CULVER CITY. WHY? --- By Paul Farhi, Washington Post  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/npr-always-seems-to-be-reporting-from-a-burg-called-culver-city-why/2016/06/29/918ede36-37e2-11e6-a254-2b336e293a3c\\_print.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/npr-always-seems-to-be-reporting-from-a-burg-called-culver-city-why/2016/06/29/918ede36-37e2-11e6-a254-2b336e293a3c_print.html)

It may be the longest running on-air plug for an unremarkable suburban town since the old "Laugh-In" program and "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson referred to their broadcast home as "beautiful downtown Burbank."

Virtually every day, Washington-based NPR tells listeners across the country that news and programs prepared in its California production facility come from "NPR West in Culver City."

Where? Well, Culver City, a small municipality on the western flank of Los Angeles, hard by Mar Vista and Ladera Heights and home to 39,000 souls. Nice-enough place, but unless you knew it's where Sony Pictures is headquartered (and where "The Wizard of Oz" was filmed when MGM owned the Sony lot), Culver City is easily overlooked in the vast concrete and asphalt prairies of Southern California.

Until, that is, NPR started saying its name on the radio beginning in 2004 -- and thousands of times since then. These include high-profile broadcasts emanating from NPR West, from "Morning Edition" to "All Things Considered."

The location is entirely accurate: NPR West is housed in a 25,000-square-foot building on Jefferson Boulevard, one of Culver City's major arteries.

The odd part is that NPR is obligated to say the city's name.

Under an unusual agreement -- and apparently an obscure one, even to



NPR folks -- the public radio broadcaster agreed with Culver City officials to mention the city's name each time it broadcasts from NPR West. Program hosts can't say "Los Angeles" or "Southern California," for example.

The particulars are spelled out in a 2004 resolution by Culver City's planning commission. In exchange for exempting NPR from city ordinances regulating the size and number of satellite-transmission dishes on the roof of its building, NPR agreed to a series of conditions. Among them:

"The City of Culver City shall be identified over the airwaves during those periods when programming produced at this site is broadcast."

The agreement has a few loopholes, however. The city granted NPR's request for "clarifying guidelines" -- that is, exceptions -- shortly after the planning commission passed the resolution. Among others, NPR was permitted to skip saying the city's name when a host in Washington is interviewing a guest at the NPR West studio.

As a result, the name is uttered frequently but inconsistently. "Morning Edition" co-host Renee Montagne, who is based at NPR West, said she was unaware of any requirement; her usual practice is to mention she's in Culver City only when her fellow co-hosts are somewhere other than Washington.

"It's kind of a mouthful to say," she said, although she noted, "It would be fun to say 'beautiful downtown Culver City.' It really is a sweet little city."

The Culver City mentions on NPR have piled up over the years, particularly of late, because Kelly McEvers, who was named a host of "All Things Considered" last year, is based in Culver City.

It's probable that most listeners don't give the brief mentions a second thought, or even a first one. Except maybe if they live in Culver City.

The name-drops have given the city just a little more "cachet," said Mayor Jim B. Clarke. "When you are one of 88 independent cities in L.A. County, anytime you can get recognition it is a plus," he said, "especially when associated with [a media organization] as prestigious as NPR." (c) The Washington Post Company (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. GARRISON KEILLOR SAYS GOODBYE TO 'PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION'  
by Brian Stelter @brianstelter July 2, 2016: 9:53 PM ET  
<http://money.cnn.com/2016/07/02/media/garrison-keillor-retirement-prairie-home-companion/index.html>

(via Mike Cooper, dxldyg via DXLD)

Why is this on the Money website of CNN? Yes, G.K., has no doubt made a lot of it, via a ``non-commercial`` medium; but rather peripheral to this story. I don't often listen to PHC, but made a point of listening to the finale on July 2: too much singing, too little skits/comedy (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* VANUATU. 7259.95, R. Vanuatu, Port Vila. Quite a strong signal at 0730. A talk about family relationships in the Bislama language but with many phrases in English. Still going strong at 0930 and I haven't heard it this well for quite some time now, 9/6. Also on 16/6 at fade/in 0425 (2:25 pm here), weak at first but quite a bit stronger by 0630 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Sangean ATS909, Tecsun PL-680, Double Bazooka antennas for 80, 40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

\*\* VANUATU. 7260, Radio Vanuatu at 1005 on Jun 29, now operating on a reduced schedule and only on till 1015. My reception this time is some of the best they've ever been heard. They are consistently under modulated which makes them hard to catch unless conditions are good and they are running music. In this case, there's alot of fading at atmospheric noise/crashing but the music their playing is somewhat understandable. Caught them with a male announcer who talked between music then read a sign off message. Carrier was still on 15 minutes later! Audio recording of 7260 kHz is here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKFRiaRe1sg>  
(Paul Walker, AK, ptswyg via DXLD)

7259.965, July 5 at 0611, JBA but steady carrier here with noise level amounting to S5, also vs intermittent QRHAM on LSB. Presumed R. Vanuatu. Wolfgang B, schel had it on 7259.957, June 7 via SDR in Brisbane; Ron Howard says it was measured June 27 by Mauno Ritola on 7259.943 with carrier staying on long past earlied 1018 sign-off; how is that saving money? Their sunset was 0625 UT. Urumqi is also on 7260 at 0611 per Aoki, but it's midday there (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Vanuatu keeps their transmitter on long after they end audio at about 1015. So what good is it to not have audio on while the carrier is still on? Would seem their electric bill would be the same, even with the so called shortened schedule.

WRTH Facebook, with Mauno Ritola posting June 27:

"Sign-off today at 1018 after NA, but carriers were left on, so how

much does that save ... Frequencies measured as 3944.21 and 7259.943 kHz."

BTW - July 5, on 7260, I heard program of chatting on the phone. Language seemed right to be Vanuatu. Earlier had ham QRM from W7GQE (NE Oregon) constantly calling "CQ 40m." (Ron Howard, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* VATICAN [and non]. After having been shut off for good to Europe a few years ago, Vatican Radio is no longer heard in German on shortwave or MW. But if there happens to be a switching error and they come on the air too early, the signal can still be heard for a few moments as was the case on 2016-07-02 from 1838z to 1840z (6070 kHz, with Ch292 audible below the much stronger Vatican signal). An oddity I had suspected for a long time (because they sign on a bit early quite regularly) but never actually heard the German service due to this before.

So at least we know it's still being produced for SAT and WEB access, I guess, since that evening they even made reference to the EURO2016 Football Championship and the (then) upcoming game between Italy and Germany (snippet attached). Speaking of this event, it could be heard in full length in Italian via RAI 1 on 657, 900, 1575 and others, while, of course, there's no more possibility to follow even such "major" sports events (for those who care) via any German station in AM, since they're all gone by now. Best regards (Tobias (T<sub>s</sub>), Germany, 2016-07-04, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11750, July 4 at 0528, VG S9+20 in tonal African language, with sounders until cut off abruptly at about 0528:35\*. Carrier on & off again, stays off past 0531. HFCC shows it's VOA Hausa via SMG at 0500-0530 daily, tho I hadn't noticed such a bigsig from it before; violating Separation of Church & State. Tho allegedly aimed south, another example of SMG's enhanced offbeam coverage (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* VIETNAM [non]. 12005, July 1 at 0230, VOV via Woofferton UK is S9+20 opening English by YL announcer who has an accent but clearly understood, unlike the OM newscaster who follows with a very heavy accent, hard to understand. I hate to seem like a language chauvinist, as I barely recognize a few words of Vietnamese, but there ought to be higher standards for broadcasters in ``English``. (BTW the same goes for some of the correspondents on NHK World TV news.)

Being ``fluent`` in a foreign language to the extent of speaking (or reading) it correctly is one thing; doing so without overlaying a heavy accent is quite another. I hear some speaking e.g. Spanish correctly, i.e. if it were transcribed, you would not see any errors,

yet they speak it as if forcing it into English phonemes. Is it that big a step to switch to ``native-accent-mode``? Too much book-larnin', I suppose, and too little attention to hearing the language spoken on SW broadcasts. I on the other hand speak some foreign languages with (I think) a good accent tho my vocabulary may be insufficient (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* YEMEN [non]. Greetings From Nevada! Conditions here have been pretty bleak, especially for an apartment dweller like me. The solar flux has hovered in the low-mid 70s and the geomagnetic activity has gone from quiet to active levels twice in the last week. I did manage to catch a glimpse of Rep. of Yemen Radio, Sana'a on 11860 in the early morning here (~1300z-1500z) on June 29th, but it was buried in noise and generally not listenable.

11860, 1324 29 JUN - REP. YEMEN RADIO, SANA'A (YEMEN). SINPO = 15211. ?Arabic?, male announcer. QSB=rapid-to-ff, only occasionally and barely discernible modulation on noisy carrier mostly mixing with or below rather high noise floor. sf74.1, a6, k1, geomag: very quiet. 50kw?, Omni?, bearing 17 ? Sangean ATS505 w/MFJ-1020C active antenna and MFJ-901B tuner used to preselect Magic Wand Antenna hanging indoors on west wall. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 13039 km? from transmitter at Riyadh?. Local time: 0624. 73s! (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11860, July 2 at 0108, fair S6-S4 signal with Qur'an, 0109 to Arabic talk including ID ``Huna Sana'a``; then an assertive declamatory speech of some sort in the middle of their night (well, it's still Ramadan, time for unbreakfast). Anyhow, better than usually heard, including in our mornings circa 1300-1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11859.998, exile radio from Radio Sana'a via Saudi Arabia, S=9+5dB (Wolfgang B, schel, 25 mb log in 1930-2030 UT time slot July 4 here in southern Germany too, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ZAMBIA. Hi Glenn, here's the updated 16 June 9680 VoH log info:

9680, Voice of Hope (Lusaka), \*0458-0510+ 16 June. IS/ID loop ("From Zambia to the world, this is the Voice of Hope, Africa.."), TOH ID: "This is the Voice of Hope broadcasting to all of Africa on frequency 9-6-8-0 kiloHertz..", opening hymn then local announcer with ID and program preview (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA, PL380/6m X wire [v.2.0], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9680, Thursday June 30 at 0454 tune-in, tone of about 1.1 kHz at S5, as Voice of Hope is already on air. 0457:35 start IS of guitar music alternating with ``From Zambia to the world, this is the Voice of

Hope, Africa'', repeating every 28 seconds. SINPO 35433, best I have heard them yet, tho presumably still on the non-direxional antenna, (and \*much\* weaker than African Pathways, 9480, MWV Madagascar, which is about to wrap up its English hour).

0501 change to sign-on announcement, ''With love from Zambia, this is the Voice of Hope broadcasting to all of Africa on 9680 kHz; this is the Voice of Hope'' and into song/hymn. So far announcer has been American accented, but 0504 over to an African harder to understand, stuff about Lusaka and the land. Now about S4 and measured on 9679.98. 0506 back to American with ''Love'' ID and ''Jesus said, ---'', tune-out. This broadcast is M-F only.

{About the ''African-accented English'' --- there are scores of African languages, perhaps a dozen major ones, mutually incomprehensible, so there cannot be a single ''African'' accent by people whose native language is not English. Yet to our ears there seems to be a standard ''African English'' accent. By now has there been some standardization of the ''African'' dialect of English? Also, do native Africans find American- (or British-) accented English as hard to understand as we do the African- ?} (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX WORLD OF RADIO 1833, LISTENING DIGEST)

9680, July 4 at 0522, Voice of Hope Africa is poor at only S4-S6 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ZANZIBAR. 6015, 0356, ZBC poor in Swahili, drumbeat interval signal 0359, time pips, then News. Followed till 0450 fadeout 3/6, fair at best. Heard from 0339 on 5/6, 0324 on 6/6, carrier appeared at 0304 on 7/6 and from 0305 on 8/6 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWEs to North, Central & South America, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1500.5 & 1499.5 approx., July 6 at 0248 UT, the wavering spur carriers both sides of KSTP are still barely audible. We can rule out KDFN in Missouri as Tom Jasinski recently drove thru Poplar Bluff and found that station no longer exists (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1540.54, 0919 July 4, 2016. Still hearing a fairly decent het pre-sunrise against 1540 (mostly Bahamas), looping south/north-ish. Measured a little better on the IC-R75 today. Would like to think this is Radio Turbomix, Cajamarca, Per'. But with zero audio, much less audio without an ID or Peruvian references or music, I keep it as an unknown (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, ICF-7600GR, HQ-180A, rood dipole, active loop, indoor random wire, All times/dates GMT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. MONITORING. Unidentified station in Russian + folk songs in Russian was heard on June 27, at about 1915 and after 1930 on 3021.2 kHz. It had no harmonics (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, RusDX July 3 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Also heard at 1940-2000, Jun 29, I received on LSB mode, there is strong signal of no modulation on 4766.00 at my location every day, it is difficult to hear by beat sound (probably frequency is 1 kHz (?)), I could hear murmur of voices sometimes (radiophone?), 32332 (Tomoaki Wagai, Wakayama, Japan, DSWCI DX Window July 6 via DXLD)

This was filed under TAJIKISTAN along with a log of that on 4765.00; the unID 4766 carrier we had been hearing months ago in our mornings, but thought to be in western North America, RTTY idling? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. While trolling the spectrum at 0215 UT on 18th June I found a new station (to me) on 6472. This was a program called iCountdown hosted by Jon Rivers, consisting of Christian type songs, music and so on. A very good clear signal and right on the numbers. A couple of points either side of 6472 and it was gone. Very tight. Some of the bigger broadcasters could take a hint from that. Looking at the frequency again, I'm guessing it was SSB, but I don't honestly remember. If you want to know more about this, it is on the net as Jon Rivers Countdown radio show. This was the first time hearing this one and I'm really not sure if it counts as a pirate or not. I can't find any listing, so far (Alan Rayment, 4630 Highway 3A, Nelson, BC V1L 6N2, The Square Peg, July CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

Alan, Since 6472 is not a known habitat for any broadcasters, even pirates, I suspect you are listening to a receiver-produced image from 2 x the IF higher up. Add 910 kHz (should the IF be 455) and you get 7382. That's quite close to 7385, which is a major and strong WHRI frequency. So I go to their schedule and search on Countdown ---- no hits, but I don't give up. Then bring up the full schedule for Angel 6 on 7385:

<http://lesea.com/whr/whr-iframe-page/?search=Angel6>

And here's what I find:

|           |   |    |    |                        |            |           |
|-----------|---|----|----|------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 0200-0300 | - | Su | 20 | The Countdown Magazine | Jon Rivers | 7.385 Mhz |
| 0300-0400 | - | Su | 20 | The Countdown Magazine | Jon Rivers | 7.385 Mhz |

However, June 18 was a UT Saturday. Did you really mean June 19? According to their sked, they have other programming on Saturdays. Does the program website not mention it's on WHRI? Perhaps only one of many stations. 73, (Glenn to Alan, via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7750-USB, UNID, 1958, Jun 26, vernacular talk, African

music, also heard at 0348 on June 29, 25432 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, DSWCI DX Window July 6 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. EGYPT, UNIDentified station with Egyptian music on air June 29

0900-0920 on 9600 unknown transmitter site, poor signal today:  
[http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/06/unidentified-station-with-egyptian\\_29.html](http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/06/unidentified-station-with-egyptian_29.html)

UNIDENTIFIED. EGYPT. UNIDentified station with Egyptian music again on air July 1

1100-1110 on 9600 unknown transmitter site, very poor signal today:  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/unidentified-station-with-egyptian.html>  
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. [Re 16-26:] 9655, July 1 at 0142, also earlier and later, no signal has reappeared from the Arab station heard UT June 29 only, but not on June 30 either. If it were Algeria via France, as suspected for a Ramadan special, it could still recur in the next few days (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But it didn't

UNIDENTIFIED. 9769.5-USB, July 3 at 0017, 2-way intruders, with whistling, maybe Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11892.0-USB, July 4 at 0537, 2-way INTRUDERS in unknown language, S9 peaks, spirited conversation including laughing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11995, July 5 at 0349, strong S9+ carrier and off. Most likely MADAGASCAR, tuning up for the BBC Somali at 0400-0430 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 12222.0-USB, July 2 at 1252, ``Kilo 85, this is Com-Com; out``. Or something like that; sounds US military tactical (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13560.56, July 6 at 0233, regular beeps in CW amounting to 46 per minute, here in the ISM Part 15 band, so maybe a beacon or a nearby device (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15650, 1304, UNKNOWN (Voice of America?), no listings on 15650 in EiBi and ILG, S7, too much noise to identify language, hardly to understand HFCC on lists CVA 0000-2400 with 100 kW and "und" language at 1310 ID sounded like "Voice of America"... new frequency? for which service? There aren't a lot of options at 1304/1310 (Manfred Reiff, Germany, July 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The 15650 HFCC entry is for RDR at CVA --- the emergency service which

is not yet in use, International Radio for Disaster Relief. This and a few other frequencies are supposed to be reserved 24h exclusively for IRDR. Not any more -

<http://hfcc.org/data/schedbybrc.php?seas=A16&broadc=RDR>

However, now all of these are annotated ``Dummy Request``! The same could be said for countless really wooden entries in HFCC (gh, DXLD)  
See also LANGUAGE LESSONS below

Manfred, This new frequency of 15650 is via Ivo Ivanov, plus several others. It's included with a complete list of Deewa Radio's current schedule. Noel

USA(non) Frequency changes of VOA Deewa Radio in Pashto  
1300-1700 NF 15650 LAM 100 kW 092 deg to WeAs ex 9335

VOA Deewa Radio in Pashto, more videos will be added later  
1300-1700 NF 15650 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg to WeAs, ex 9335  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2016/07/frequency-changes-of-voa-deewa-radio-in.html>  
-- 73! Ivo Ivanov QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria (via Noel Green, ibid.)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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I'm a longtime SWL and amateur radio operator who remembers hearing your name mentioned on Radio Nederland broadcasts of the 1970s, so it's an honor to make your acquaintance. TNX and 73, (Brian D. Smith, W9IND, Greenwood, Indiana, May 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See USA: MHRS

No thanks for financial support this week since none has been received since last week, by check or MO in US funds on a US bank to World of Radio, P O Box 1684, Enid OK, 73702. Or not necessarily in US funds via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com

PUBLICATIONS

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Updated:

DX/SWL/Media Programs:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html>

Alan Roe's Hitlist of SW station linx:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/hitlist.htm>

World of Radio schedules:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

(Glenn Hauser, July 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ANOTHER BRIEF WRTH UPDATE

http://www.wrth.com/_shop/?p=2848
(via Manfred Reiff, dxldyg via DXLD)

FILM NEWS (!)

First Look at SHORTWAVE, New Film from The Invitation Producers

Shortwave is upcoming scifi/horror produced by Tony Mancilla and Lindsay Lanzillotta, two of the producers of Sitges winner The Invitation (review). The film is about to begin its festival run with a premier at Dances With Films in Hollywood on Saturday June 4th.

In the film, a couple loses their daughter in a peculiar disappearance and is trying to move on. But after moving into a new home, a particular shortwave radio signal brings about oddness.

Shortwave is the directorial debut of Ryan Gregory Phillips and stars Juanita Ringeling, Cristóbal Tapia Montt, and Kyle Davis and features Jay Ellis, Nina Senicar, Sara Malakul Lane. (from <http://quietearth.us>
via Craig Seager, July ADXN via DXLD)

Shortwave signals causing oddness? Never! -cs (Seager, ibid.)

EUROPEAN SHORTWAVE INTERVAL SIGNALS ñ 1970S AND 1980S

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciFfhPH00-Y>

Hereís a collection of European radio interval signals, mostly from the late 1970's and early 1980's. This audio collection, combined with some of the classic QSLs from the stations will certainly bring back waves of memories for any seasoned shortwave listener (July CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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ARRL TO SPONSOR 2016 ATLANTIC SEASON HURRICANE WEBINAR JULY 22

ARRL June 28, 2016

<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-to-sponsor-2016-atlantic-season-hurricane-webinar>

The ARRL will sponsor a 2016 Atlantic Season Hurricane Webinar on Thursday, July 21, at 8 PM EDT (0000 UTC on Friday, July 22, UTC). The approximately 90-minute session will address the role of Amateur Radio during the 2015 Hurricane Season. Anyone interested in hurricane preparedness and response is invited to attend this online

presentation.

Topics will include a meteorological overview of the upcoming season; Amateur Radio station WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center: Who We Are and What We Do; ARRL Media and Public Relations; the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN); the VoIP Hurricane Net, and ARRL coordination and interface.

The program will include presentations by representatives of the National Hurricane Center and WX4NHC, the VoIP Hurricane Net, the HWN, the Canadian Hurricane Centre, and the ARRL. Webinar registration is open to all, but should be of particular interest to radio amateurs in hurricane-prone areas. The webinar will conclude with a Q&A session.

For additional information, contact ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U. Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

CIDX ANNUAL VERNON IKEDA MEMORIAL SUMMER BARBEQUE
Saturday, August 20th 2016, 1 pm Eastern (1700 UTC)

LOCATION: 79 Kipps Street, Greenfield Park, QC

Google Map:

<http://goo.gl/maps/1UvxP>

We are pleased to announce the 2016 CIDX Annual Vernon Ikeda Memorial Summer Barbecue. Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served. Please bring your own beverages. Any food contributions (snacks, desserts, etc.) will be appreciated. Please bring your own lawn chair if possible. Please confirm your attendance by telephone, 450-671-3773 or by e-mail to Sheldon Harvey at ve2shw@yahoo.com All CIDX members and radio friends are welcome to attend (July CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

HFCC B-16 AT MIAMI HILTON, AUGUST 22-26

<http://www.hfcc.miami/>

(via DXLD)

... like all of those Russian entries... The HFCC list is a list of wishful thinking often without reference to reality. 73, (Manfred Reiff, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LANGUAGE LESSONS See also AUSTRALIA: Groote Eylandt; VIETNAM; ZAMBIA
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MULTILINGUAL EMERGENCY BROADCASTING: WHAT WENT WRONG?

Radio World June 29, 2016

Commentaries by the by the Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council are part of expert opinion and observations from various

industry voices published regularly by Radio World.

This interview with MMTC President Emeritus and Senior Advisor David Honig was conducted by Meagan Sunn, MMTC Earle K. Moore Fellow-Designate for fall 2016.

MS: How are you, David?

DH: I am just fine, and privileged to be interviewed for Radio World.

MS: Why does the nation rely on radio in emergencies?

DH: Radio is often thought of as an old, and in many peoplesí minds, obsolete technology. You will find out in a hurricane, very quickly, that it is the best type of technology to have around. Hereís why.

The electric grid that powers most technologies, including wireline and wireless, can be disabled by one strike to the central location from which it is organized. Television can get knocked out because the receivers generally cannot operate with batteries. However, when the grid is down, radio stations can transmit with generators and be received with batteries. As such, radio ó and only radio ó can maintain electronic communications, even under very severe conditions.

MS: What happened in Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in August 2005?

DH: In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, four major AM radio stations remained on the air. Right before Katrina hit, only one station, KGLA(AM), was broadcasting in Spanish. There were no stations broadcasting in Vietnamese. Over 100,000 people spoke only Spanish at home and 40,000 spoke only Vietnamese. Before, during, and after the hurricane, no information was broadcast in Vietnamese. Once KGLA was knocked off the air by the hurricane, there was no information available in Spanish for eight days.

The silence was not limited to radio. No media was available. There were no newspapers, no telephones, no wireless, no television. There was the same level of communications that there was 1,000 years ago, word of mouth. And there was very little of that, because there was no transportation.

Imagine, if you could, the worst possible conditions that people could ever face. There was water rising up to the second floor and above of peoplesí homes. Families were sitting on the roof, with no means of communication, other than battery-powered radios. They didnít know how to get food or how to get medical care. Mothers and fathers didnít know where their children were. Survivors wondered if the water was safe to drink, if they were going to be rescued. This basic, essential

information was not being conveyed in their language. This was the most vulnerable that these people would ever be in their lives.

Then when the first responders finally reached their homes, the survivors didn't know anything. Families were making decisions on life and death matters with no information. One Latino family, desperate for light and heat, didn't know that they could not turn the gas on in their home. They lit a match and their home blew up. Four people died. There was no information, in their language, telling them that this was dangerous to do.

This happened because the English-language stations had no procedure or prior agreement to assign one of them to be a designated hitter that would provide information in Spanish. There was no plan. Once the one Spanish-language station went dark, 100,000 Spanish-speaking people were cut off from life-saving information.

That was unconscionable. It was morally wrong. And it was entirely preventable.

MS: What was the lesson learned in Katrina and what did MMTC do about it?

DH: Failure to warn Americans in their native languages will happen again unless the FCC does something about it. So MMTC, the Independent Spanish Broadcasters Association and the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ filed an emergency petition with the FCC in September 2005, right after Katrina.

The petition asked the FCC to do something very simple. It asked the FCC to have broadcasters agree that in an emergency if there were no stations, or only one station in the market broadcasting in a widely spoken language other than English, they would designate an English language station, in advance, to allow a professional broadcaster or speaker to come to their station and provide information in other languages. There are over 4 million Americans, residing in 80 of the nation's 273 radio markets, who are at risk in these instances.

This seemed to be very modest, easy ask. We knew that broadcasters are good people. That is why they got into the business. It just seemed that this was not going to be hard. It did not seem to be heavy lift to ask broadcasters to yell fire in a crowded theater, if there actually was a fire! It is certainly not unreasonable to ask people to speak up for their neighbors in times of greatest need.

What happened next was quite a surprise. Over the course of 11 years, the FCC asked the industry three times what was being done to ensure that multilingual information would be available during emergencies.

Not one state broadcast association came up with a plan. Many in the industry aggressively opposed the petition... More here:
<http://www.radioworld.com/article/multilingual-emergency-broadcasting-what-went-wrong/279161>

Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See INDIA; NEW ZEALAND

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See NEW ZEALAND

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See MEXICO

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- HD/IBOC See RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM right here:

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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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AM TRANSLATOR MOVE-INS

You could say there is more than one class of translator relaying AM stations.

In 2009 the FCC decided to allow translators to relay AMs. These AM stations got their translators the old-fashioned way: they bought them from someone else (or someone who owned both AM and FM stations had a translator authorized to relay the FM & switched it to relay the AM).

In some cases, technical changes were required before the translator could relay the AM station (the translator's predicted coverage must be entirely inside the AM station's predicted daytime coverage). Those changes had to be "minor" -- that is, if the translator tried to operate with the old and new facilities at the same time, it would interfere with itself.

If an AM station got its translator(s) that way, there is no limit to how many translators may relay the same AM station. The translators may change primary stations (the station relayed) at will. And they may be sold independently of the primary station.

Many AM stations were left out though. There weren't any translators available that were in or could be modified to reach their service areas. They could buy something outside their service area and apply for a *major* change, but you can only do that during a "filing window". The next filing window may not be for another ten years. You

could apply for a *new* translator - but again, you have to wait ten years for a filing window.

So the FCC decided to hold a special limited filing window early this year. Only Class C and D AM licensees are allowed to participate. (Class C are the "graveyard" stations on 1230, 1240, 1340, 1400, 1450, and 1490. Class D are the "daytimers".) Each such licensee was allowed to apply to modify *one* FM translator. That translator may be moved no more than 250 miles. It must be in the 92-108 band. And if the move is granted, the translator must relay the AM station in question for at least four years (it is NOT necessary for the translator to be *owned* by the AM station in question, as long as there is an agreement for it to *relay* that station. That said, if the business relationship goes sour, the translator becomes useless).

What happens if the AM station surrenders its license? Good question. I would say the translator goes dark (and is deleted unless the four-year clock runs out before the translator is off over a year). But with the FCC these days, I wouldn't bet on that.

Another window will be held later for class A and B AM stations. Then, probably next year, two more windows will be held for completely new FM translators.

I might suggest there's an ulterior motive for WPDH-HD3 carrying WALL-1340. Probably, the official primary for the translators is WPDH. That allows the coverage of the translators to be within *WPDH's* coverage, not *WALL's*.

Surprisingly I only count four of these in Nashville:

- 94.9 W235BW sports // WQZQ 830
- 95.9 W240CA sports // WNSR 560
- 96.7 W244CW Hispanic // WMTS 810
- 99.3 W257AR Moody Radio religious // WAMB 1200

The HD-into-analog translators are more popular around here (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, July 3, <http://www.w9wi.com> WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

AMATEUR ELECTRONIC SUPPLY (AES) TO CLOSE

Many thanks to a number of SWLing Post readers who sent in this news tip via CQ Magazine:

Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) has announced that it is ceasing operations as of the end of July, 2016. The Milwaukee-based retailer has four locations around the country, including Milwaukee; Cleveland (Wickliffe), Ohio; Las Vegas, Nevada and Orlando, Florida. It has long

been the nation's second-largest ham radio dealer, after Ham Radio Outlet. No reason was given for the decision to close the business. Click here to read on CQ's website.
<http://cqnewsroom.blogspot.com/2016/07/amateur-electronic-supply-aes-going-out.html?spref=tw&m=1>

At time of posting, there is no mention of AES going out of business on their website,
<http://www.aesham.com/>
but I assume their various stores may begin the process of liquidating inventory soon (Via The SWLing Blog via Don Moman, Technical Topics, July CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

NEW EAS TEST REPORTING SYSTEM IS READY
RBR.com By Leslie Stimson June 30 2016

FCC opened up its new EAS Test Reporting System this week. The system is ready to accept filings.

Readers may recall the commission used a basic test reporting system after the first national EAS test in 2011; Last June the commission asked the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau to implement an improved electronic filing system and related database.

Ownership groups have until August 26 to submit the identifying information required by ETRS Form One for each of their stations. To register for ETRS and access Form One, start here:
<https://www.fcc.gov/general/eas-testreporting-system>

The commission is also updating its EAS Operating Handbook, which outlines EAS procedures, paying particular attention to smaller operations with fewer resources. The FCC seeks comment on the new handbook to PS Docket 15-94; those are due 15 days after Federal Register publication.

Read more at New EAS Test Reporting System Is Ready | Radio & Television Business Report
<http://rbr.com/new-eas-test-reporting-system-is-ready/>
Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

PBS INTERCONNECT MOVES FORWARD AMID TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE, POLITICAL TURMOIL --- By Scott Fybush | May 12, 2016

<http://current.org/2016/05/pbs-interconnect-moves-forward-amid-technological-change-political-turmoil/>

The master-control room at VegasPBS. (Photo: VegasPBS)

Amid delays, funding uncertainties and upheaval in the technological landscape surrounding the next generation of the PBS interconnection system, leaders at PBS and CPB say the project is on track to roll out its first phase by year's end.

Supported by \$40 million in federal funding, the project has pivoted from a proof-of-concept test involving 18 member stations into development of a request for proposals from vendors who hope to be involved in the system's nationwide rollout.

"We're working on a different model from the old broadcast world," said PBS chief technology officer Mario Vecchi. Unlike previous iterations of the interconnection system, Vecchi calls the next generation "an ongoing software development model" in which even the system's designers don't know exactly what it will look like in several years.

The project has been in the planning stages for more than three years, but Vecchi and his PBS colleagues now face a tight deadline: federal funding for the previous v5 interconnect expires in September. PBS has already renewed its leases for satellite capacity, allowing it to gradually reduce its use of satellite distribution instead of making an abrupt transition to the fiber-optic backbone that will become one of the key pieces of the new interconnect. (The project, long known as "v6," is now simply known as the "next generation interconnection," according to PBS.)

While real-time PBS feeds will stay on the satellite, Vecchi said, the first year of the v6 project will focus on moving non-real-time (NRT) content to the fiber network.

"As the new solution for NRT is deployed over terrestrial (fiber), we will be able to recover some of the satellite capacity that we're using now for the current v.5 NRT, and therefore reduce some of the transponder costs as we shift to terrestrial NRT," he said.

The work of defining details of that new NRT system will keep planners busy well into the summer. PBS hired a consulting team from Deloitte to assist in developing and executing the RFP. Vecchi hopes to have the RFP ready for vendors by the end of May, but the process of finalizing its details may extend into June.

It's complex, Vecchi said, because of how much change is occurring at all ends of the interconnection system.

"We believe there is a significant amount of cost efficiency to be found in the workflow at local stations and adapting to the changes in programming and scheduling that stations need to make," he said. "At

the same time, we're also investing quite a bit of resources in re-engineering our internal processes so we can be more efficient and flexible."

Among the pieces of that re-engineering is a new file format for the video content that will be distributed over the fiber-based NRT system.

"Metadata" was one of the major buzzwords in April at PBS TechCon and the subsequent National Association of Broadcasters Show in Las Vegas. Content producers struggle to ensure that their programs come with all the additional data needed for stations' traffic systems, nonbroadcast ("over the top") digital distribution, archiving and other uses that previous interconnect designers never had to contemplate.

Once the RFP goes to potential vendors, Vecchi said, PBS hopes to select vendors over the summer in time to begin deploying the new fiber-based system in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Changing architecture of public TV system

PBS takes no official position on the tide of public TV stations moving to centralized joint master control (JMC) systems. But Vecchi acknowledges that the new interconnection system will have to take into account a world in which a PBS station in Hawaii gets its network content delivered not to Honolulu but to a JMC hub in Syracuse, N.Y.

"We are clearly going to take advantage of JMC clusters in order to optimize how we deliver content to the stations. When there is an option of delivering content to JMC hubs and taking advantage of delivering from there to stations, we will take advantage of that," Vecchi said, noting that the proof-of-concept tests of v6 last year included several stations using JMC hubs. "As technology evolves, we want a system that can make changes in less than 10-year burps."

At the funding end, CPB has been clear about how it sees the system's architecture developing. It would rather see a smaller number of end points to which v6 will need to deliver content.

"We have recently created an incentive through the grant program to support stations that join JMCs," said Ted Krichels, CPB senior v.p. for system development and media strategy. "We see it as an essential move to better allocate our resources to local program development."

Vecchi said the new interconnect will continue to meet the needs of stations that keep their master control points local, as well as those that fall somewhere between fully local and full-fledged JMCs.

"Some stations have already created de facto JMCs in the sense that one station is providing services to another without entering into a formal structural agreement," Vecchio said. "Others are state networks, Ohio for example, where they have created a model of centralizing master-control functions for that state, so that's another example of a de facto JMC."

Repack, ATSC 3.0 and more changes ahead

"As technology evolves, we want a system that can make changes in less than 10-year burps," said Tom Axtell, g.m. at KLVX in Las Vegas and chair of the PBS Board's interconnection committee.

That means being prepared for other impending changes that made big headlines at last month's TechCon and the NAB Show, including the FCC's announcement that it will pull 126 MHz out of the UHF TV spectrum to be auctioned later in 2016.

The subsequent repack of the TV spectrum will force many pubcasters to change the channels on which they broadcast. It could also affect the interconnect project if some stations take advantage of the opportunity to sell their spectrum in the auction, taking them off the air and out of the system.

"We're confident that by and large, stations have a commitment to the public service mission," said CPB's Krichels, referring to decisions that local licensees will make about selling some or all of their channel capacity. "But there's so much we don't know. I think the concerns would focus around potential loss of translators. You see it in the state networks and out west, and the potential that there could be some unserved areas."

Closely tied to the repack is the FCC's plan to move stations from the current ATSC 1.0 transmission system to the ATSC 3.0 standard now awaiting FCC approval. While the repack will precede a later shift to ATSC 3.0, Vecchi said pubcasting leaders hope that stations can prepare for both changes at once.

"Vendors are getting ready for the repack equipment to be 3.0-ready or 3.0-upgradeable, so that when a station goes through the repack and buys new exciters or other equipment, they will provide equipment that will be software-upgradeable," he said.

"Going forward, we really have to think about future-proofing the system," Axtell said. That means preparing for some of the other changes that may come along with the move to 3.0, such as the ability to broadcast "4K" ultra-high-definition material that some program producers are already creating.

Axtell compared the new design principles to construction of a highway that can handle all different kinds of traffic.

"We want a system where if you're in a two-person sports car or an 18-wheel truck barreling down the highway, we can handle it," he said.

Traffic on the new highway will include more than just video, Axtell noted. His station has been in the forefront of using broadcast bandwidth to carry data for emergency service providers. That technology has been both good business and good for government relations, he said, especially as federal emergency planners look to publicans to provide important links in an upgraded emergency alert system.

"It's one of the key elements we talk to Congress about in terms of our roles and responsibilities," said Michael Levy, CPB chief strategy officer and executive v.p.

Challenges with federal funding

With the general election looming, CPB and PBS are looking for every opportunity to push for continued funding to complete the interconnect project. CPB has a \$50 million interconnect funding request pending before Congress, according to Anne Brachman, CPB v.p. for public affairs. CPB expects Congress to pass a continuing resolution in September to fund the government through the election.

The funding picture becomes even less certain after that. Two years ago, the Obama administration proposed a series of budget baselines envisioning nearly \$200 million in federal funding for the interconnect project over a four-year period. Beyond the \$40 million already budgeted for fiscal 2016 and the \$50 million requested for fiscal 2017, that means the \$55 million proposed for fiscal 2018 and \$52 million for fiscal 2019 will depend on who takes power at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue next year.

Axtell hopes the flexibility baked into the design of the project will make it more attractive to federal funders. The cost savings of cloud-based fiber delivery, JMC operation and, eventually, a partnership to deliver public radio content over the PBS interconnect will be "strategically more attractive to Congress," he said, especially if PBS moves away from the model of requesting funding for a full replacement of its delivery system every decade or so.

In the meantime, said CPB's Levy, "we're taking a very agile approach to funding."

That means year-by-year phases for the program as funding becomes available. After moving NRT delivery from satellite to fiber in year one, Vecchi said, phase two will involve "expanding functionality" of the fiber system, including moving some linear and real-time programming feeds off the satellite. Priorities for subsequent phases are still being developed as the industry changes, he said.

Long before those next phases become clear, the PBS interconnection committee is moving quickly to nail down the details of phase one. The group has begun meeting almost weekly to approve the specific requirements that will go to Deloitte to become part of the final RFP, according to Axtell.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us," Vecchi said. "We are pushing ourselves and all the stakeholders in the system very hard to move very fast."

Clarification: This story has been updated to reflect that PBS no longer uses the term "v6" for the interconnection system (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

RMRC-WINTERQUARTER BECOMES RADIO-GUESTHOUSE

Hello friends, Most of us DXer are advanced age. I too, but I don't want to go into a rest home. Some times ago a shared flat has been an April fool, now it is reality.

I am living at Algarve, Portugal, cause of the dirty weather in Germany, living under the palm tree at the ocean - but inside Europe and the weather is beautiful. We manage this "Winterquarter" since two years. DXing is excellent many DXer say, when they were here last year.

I will stay here, enjoying my life with DXing and broadcasting, but I will never go into a rest home. If you are in the same situation, come and stay here for some times, weeks, months or years. We already have some places at the shared house for DXer, radio amateurs and radio freaks.

Here at Algarve we don't have a German radiostation, that could be a beautiful target to reach. However you don't want to stay here, but invest into this project, you will get your profit. It is the only one inside Europe. For more information, please contact me at DrGabler@t-online.de (Harald Gabler, CEO, Rhein-Main-Radio-Club, now living in Portugal, DSWCI DX Window July 6 via DXLD)

PROPAGATION

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NO SUNSPOTS, ALREADY

The K7RA Solar Update, ARRL July 1, 2016

Eight days with no sunspots, at least so far. Average daily sunspot number for our reporting week was down 33.6 points to zero. Earlier in this month we saw four days with a blank sun (sunspot number of zero) from June 3-6.

There were no sunspots during all of Field Day weekend.

The last time we saw a blank sun (before June 2016) was 2014. Just one day, on July 17, 2014. Sunspot number was zero, and only for one day. Prior to that, there were just two days in 2011, on January 27, and on August 14.

Prior to that there were 51 days with a blank sun in 2010, with 12 periods ranging from 1 to 13 days. The longest periods were 11 days beginning on May 9, 2010 and 13 days beginning on April 1, 2010.

These recent periods of no sunspot activity are a surprise to me, even though we are in a declining half of the solar cycle. I didn't expect the extended periods with no sunspot activity would begin so early following the peak of Cycle 24. But perhaps we will see some extended periods of more sunspot activity, since we've seen in the past that nothing moves in a straight line up or down. There is plenty of variation.

Or perhaps that reference to memory suggests the classic gambler's fallacy. This refers to the illogical feeling that because a particular ball in the lottery hasn't been drawn for a long time that somehow it is overdue, making it more likely that the numbered ball will be drawn soon. This, of course, concerns only a random draw with all independent variables.

Mentioned earlier was the observation that the average daily sunspot number was zero over our reporting week (June 23-29) compared to 33.6 on the previous seven days. Average daily solar flux during the same two weeks dropped from 83.8 to 75.6.

Average daily planetary A index increased from 7 to 9, while the mid-latitude A index went from 6.9 to 9.1.

The latest prediction (June 30) sees solar flux at 75 on July 1-7, 80 on July 8, 80 on July 11, 82 on July 12-13, 80 on July 14-17, 78 on July 18-23, 77 on July 24 and 80 on July 25-31. Following this, the prediction shows solar flux rising two points for the first week in

August... More here:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/the-k7ra-solar-update-432>

Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

SPORADIC E CAN'T HAPPEN ON 20 METERS

Lou, VK5EEE sent in a couple of interesting questions, which I passed on to Carl, K9LA.

Here was Lou's first question.

"I have observed on several occasions over the past 6 months or so, an unusual propagation, which I cannot explain. I have searched far and wide on the Internet, and short of an atmospheric nuclear explosion causing a strong ionization of E layer, which does not appear to have occurred based on Geiger counter readings, I find no explanation.

"Sporadic-E, we are told, occurs from around 12m (25 MHz) upwards, is that correct? Can it occur on 21 MHz? CAN IT EVER OCCUR on 20m? It appears to me not on 20m. Also, what I describe does not last a short time, as would be expected, but for hours. Short skip of 600 km AT NIGHT on 20m, this should not normally be possible?

"At the same time as this short skip late evening propagation from VK5 to VK3 (dipole facing broadside to VK3 and HS at my VK5 QTH) the VK3 was using 5 element beam up 20m beaming to HS (same direction as VK5) and HS was beaming to VK3 with a 4ele beam up 22m. The VK3-VK5 was exceptionally strong 599+20dB on my 8m high dipole. Not to be expected, even more so with a 5ele beam during the middle of the day, most of the energy should pass way overhead. The VK3-HS were both 599 to each other, but HS-VK5 was only S4 from me, S7 from HS.

"Given it is taking place, and the phenomenal signal strengths, 20 or so dB above what would be normal via F layer propagation, would that be E layer propagation, and why is the E layer there?"

Carl, K9LA responded:

"With respect to your observation number 1, I downloaded ionosonde data from Canberra (the closest to your VK5 to VK3 path - we can get a general idea of what happened in the ionosphere) for Jan 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016. That's 152 days of data, and data is taken every hour - that gives 3648 possible data points. For an E mode (110 km height), the elevation angle for the 600 km path is around 18 degrees. The value of foE must be greater than about 5 MHz to support 14 MHz for this short path. For an F mode (300 km height), the elevation angle is around 45 degrees. The value of foF2 must be

greater than about 9.3 MHz to support 14 MHz. The foE data had 847 data points, so there is a lot of data missing. Of the data available, there's nothing above 4.5 MHz. The foEs data had 1759 data points. That's better - almost 50% of the possible data points.

"In your summer (January and February), there are many foEs values above 5.0 MHz. Towards your winter (May), there are still quite a few foEs values above 5.0 MHz. The foF2 data had 2887 data points (about 80% of the possible total). There were not many foF2 values above 9.3 MHz. Most foF2 values were 7 MHz and below. This cursory investigation suggests that Es could have been the mode.

But your question asking if Es occurs on 20-Meters is very relevant. With Es layers being thin (I've seen values from 1 to 5 km), there just isn't enough vertical extent of the layer to have pure refraction (bending) take place, and the ionization doesn't appear to be enough for reflection.

"Thus in my mind the answer to your question appears to be 'no, Es generally doesn't happen on 20-Meters.' If foEs was much higher, then a thin layer might support reflection at 14 MHz. There is an 'above-the-MUF' mode with both the E region and F region when the operating frequency is somewhat above the MUF. This mode is believed to involve a scatter mechanism, which implies additional loss. Using the 'above-the-MUF' estimates of additional loss on 14 MHz says your observations could have been either E or F. And there's also the possibility of a back-scatter mode, with the scatter region being somewhere northwest of you along the path to HS.

"That's about as far as I can go with this. I don't have a definite answer - that happens more than we'd like with some HF propagation observations due to the lack of suitable ionospheric data."

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WELL, it certainly can happen on 19 meters!!! I frequently find greatly enhanced signals from 15825 WWCN (and its spurs), which correlate with Es openings into VHF 54+ MHz (but not necessarily MUF that high). The 15825 signal can be a pilot of Es on higher frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 27 June - 03 July 2016

Solar activity was very low. The disk was spotless for the entire period with no measurable flare activity.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at high levels from 27-30 Jun and dropped to normal to moderate levels for the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity was quiet to unsettled on 27-28 Jun due to diminishing negative polarity CH HSS effects. Mostly quiet conditions were observed on 29 Jun. Quiet to unsettled conditions were observed for the remainder of the week with an isolated active period on 02/2100-2400 UTC due to effects from a series of coronal holes.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 04 JULY - 30 JULY 2016

Solar activity is expected to be very low throughout the forecast period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels on 04-07, 16-19, and 22-26 Jul following recurrent CH HSS events.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels early on 04 Jul followed by quiet conditions through 07 Jul. Quiet to unsettled conditions are expected to return from 08-15 Jul with active periods likely on 11-12 Jul due to effects from a series of recurrent coronal holes. Quiet conditions are expected to return from 16-18 Jul. Another recurrent CH HSS is expected to cause quiet to unsettled conditions from 19-23 Jul with isolated active periods likely on 19 Jul. Mostly quiet levels are expected for the remainder of the period with unsettled periods possible on 28 and 30 Jul due to recurrent coronal holes.

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#	UTC	Radio Flux	Planetary	Largest
#	Date	10.7 cm	A Index	Kp Index
2016	Jul 04	74	10	3
2016	Jul 05	74	5	2
2016	Jul 06	74	5	2
2016	Jul 07	74	5	2
2016	Jul 08	74	12	3
2016	Jul 09	74	10	3
2016	Jul 10	74	8	3
2016	Jul 11	74	18	4
2016	Jul 12	74	12	4
2016	Jul 13	74	8	3
2016	Jul 14	74	10	3
2016	Jul 15	74	8	3
2016	Jul 16	74	5	2
2016	Jul 17	72	5	2
2016	Jul 18	72	5	2
2016	Jul 19	72	15	4
2016	Jul 20	72	12	3
2016	Jul 21	72	10	3
2016	Jul 22	72	8	3
2016	Jul 23	72	10	3
2016	Jul 24	72	5	2
2016	Jul 25	72	5	2
2016	Jul 26	72	5	2
2016	Jul 27	72	5	2
2016	Jul 28	72	8	3
2016	Jul 29	72	5	2
2016	Jul 30	72	10	3

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1833, DXLD)

GLENN'S PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF JULY 6, 2016

Keith, From IPS in Australia, the global HF propagation forecast thru July 9: normal to fair at low, middle and high latitudes.

From Spaceweather South Africa, thru July 9: magnetic conditions unsettled, shortwave fadeouts unlikely, MUF unstable.

From Met Office UK thru July 10: Solar activity very low. Geomagnetic activity becoming quiet to unsettled on July 9 and 10.

From Petr Kolman in Prague, the geomagnetic field will be:
quiet to active on July 8 - 9, 11 - 12, 19 - 20
quiet to unsettled on July 10, 13, 21 - 23
mostly quiet on July 14 - 15, 18, 24 - 25
quiet on July 16 - 17, 26 - 27

From SWPC in Boulder:

Geomagnetic field quiet to unsettled July 8-15 with active periods likely on July 11 and 12 with A and K indices peaking at 18 and 4. Isolated active periods likely on July 19 at 15 and 4. Lowest A's and K's of 5 and 2 on July 16-18 and 24-27. Solar flux abysmally stuck at 74 until July 17, then 72 for the rest of the month.

William Hepburn's VHF-UHF-microwave DX maps show extreme tropospheric ducting all week off Mauritania, Sahara, and Baja California; across western Gulf of Mexico from July 11. All week across the Mediterranean. Off Angola from July 9 to 11. Extremely extreme all week around the Red Sea, Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea, but not so much off the south coast of Yemen and Oman (via DXLD) No reports the next two weeks (gh) ###